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WHAT ARE THOSE?

THEY'RE SHOGI TILES.

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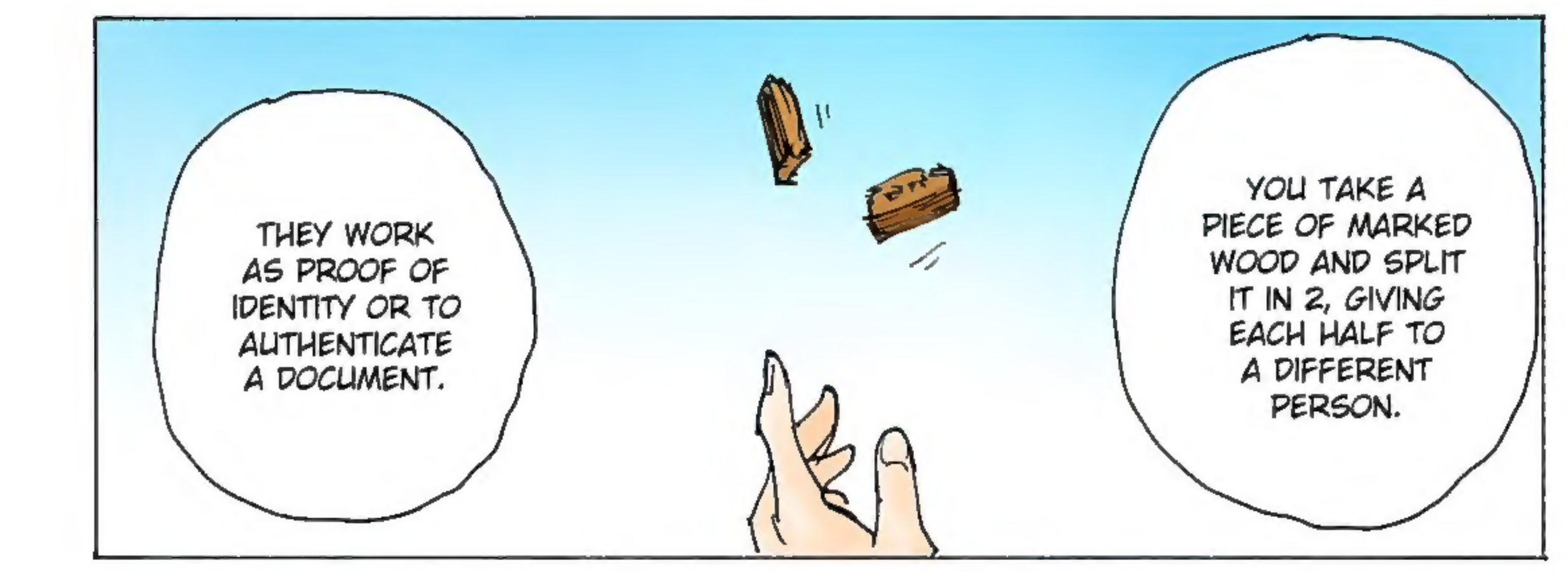

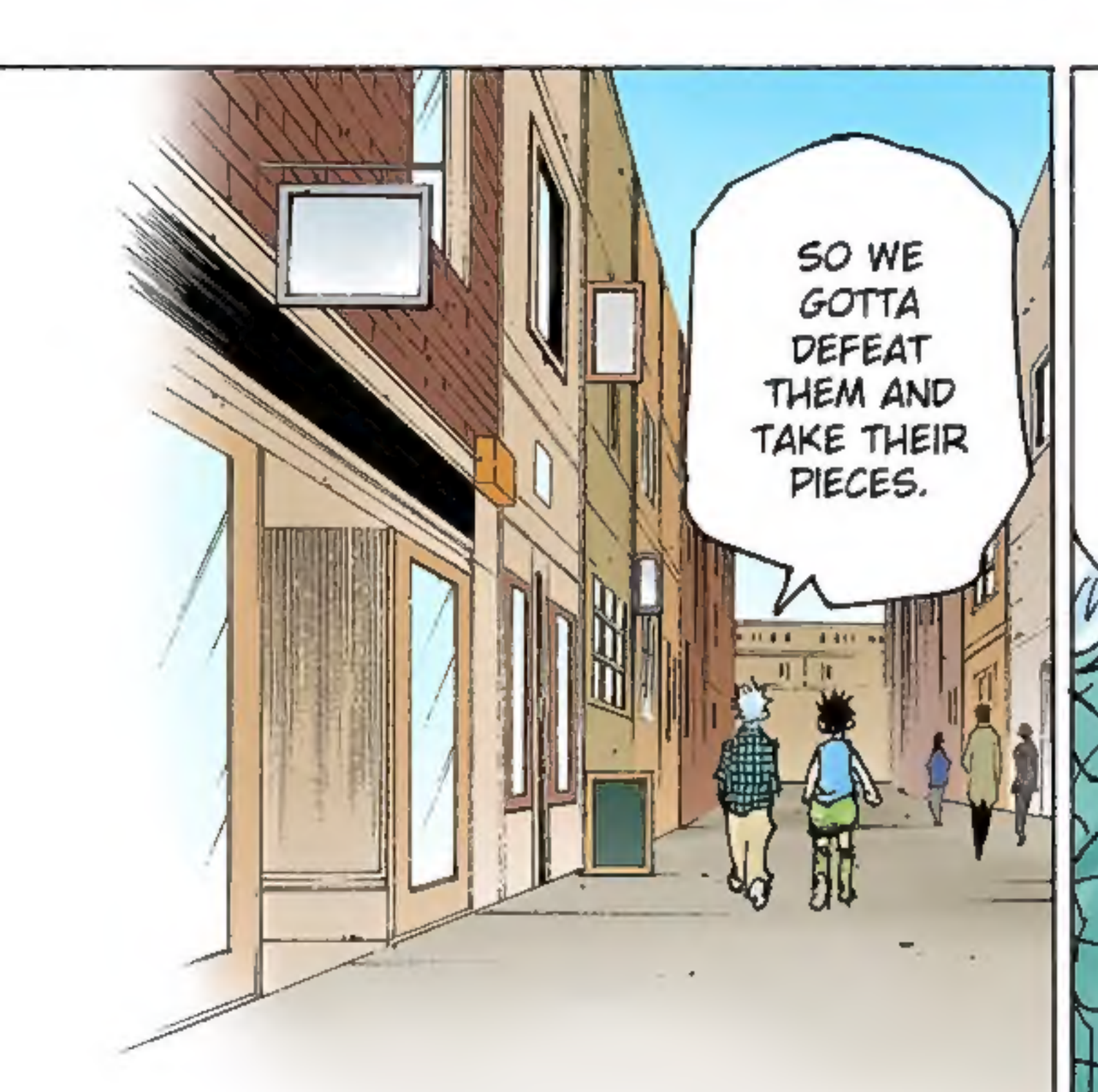

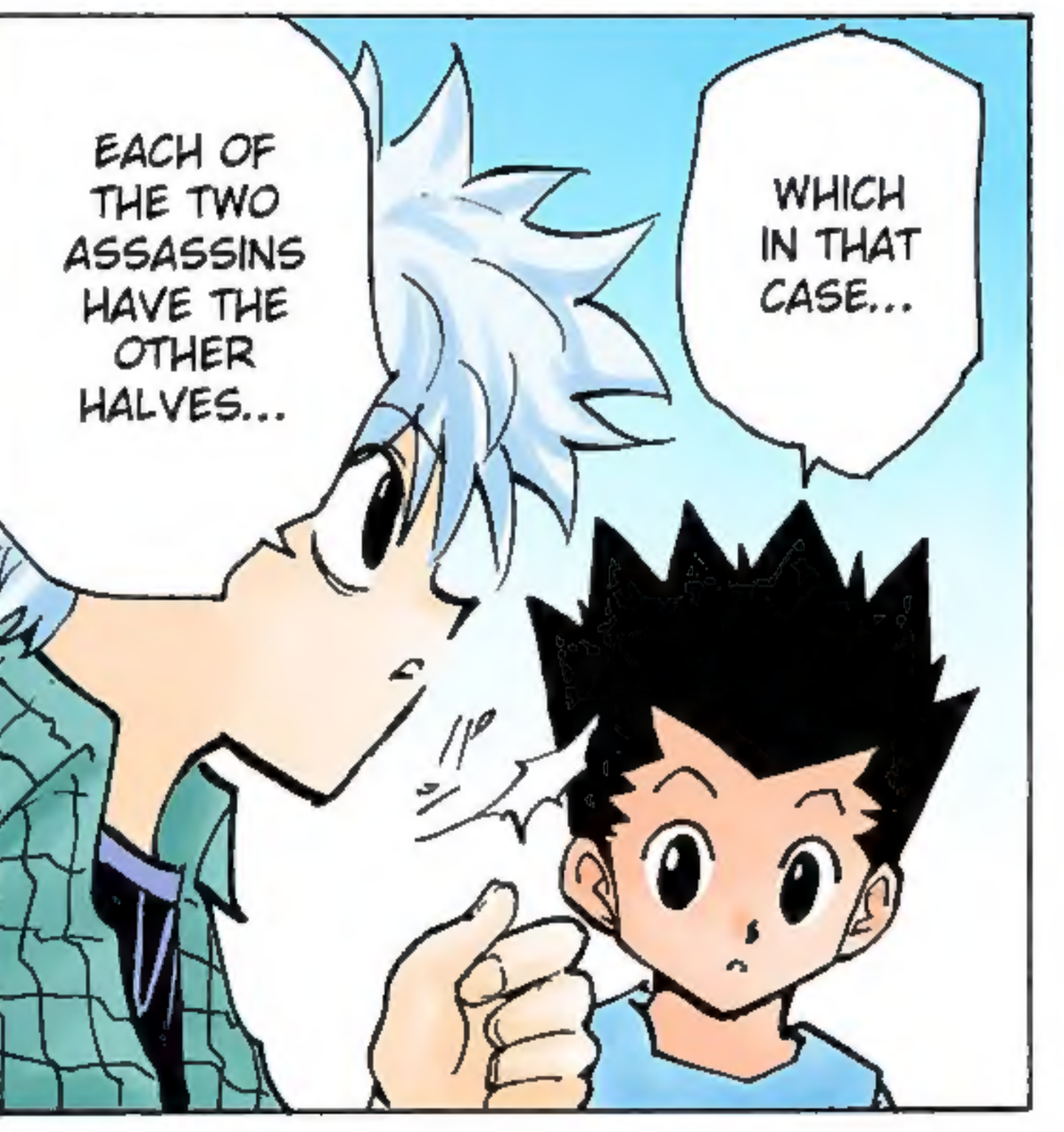

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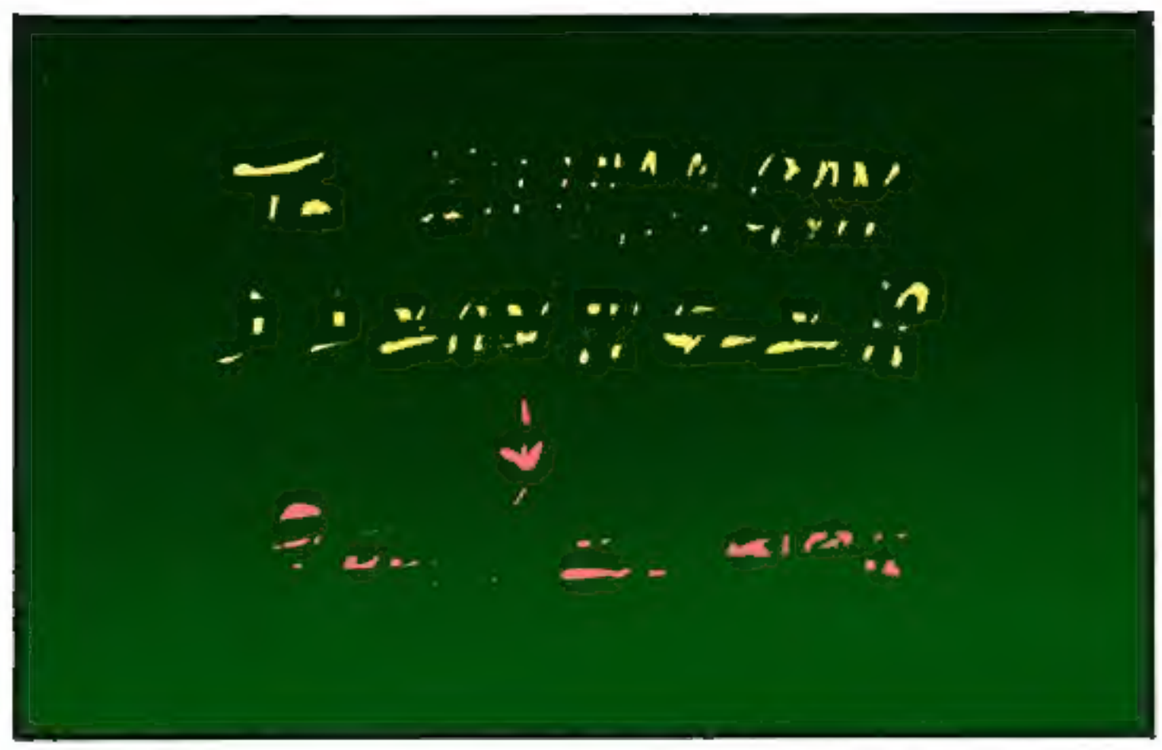
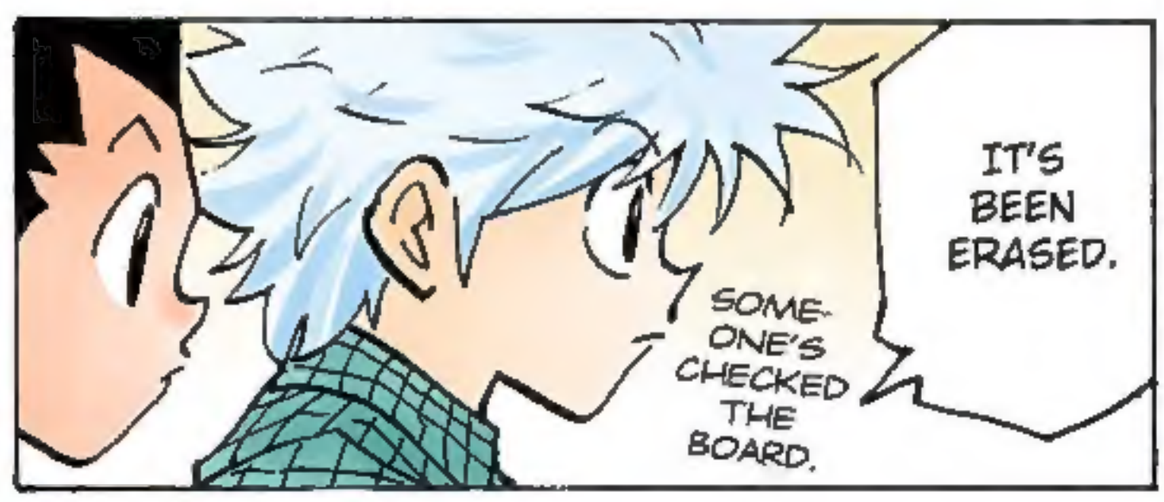
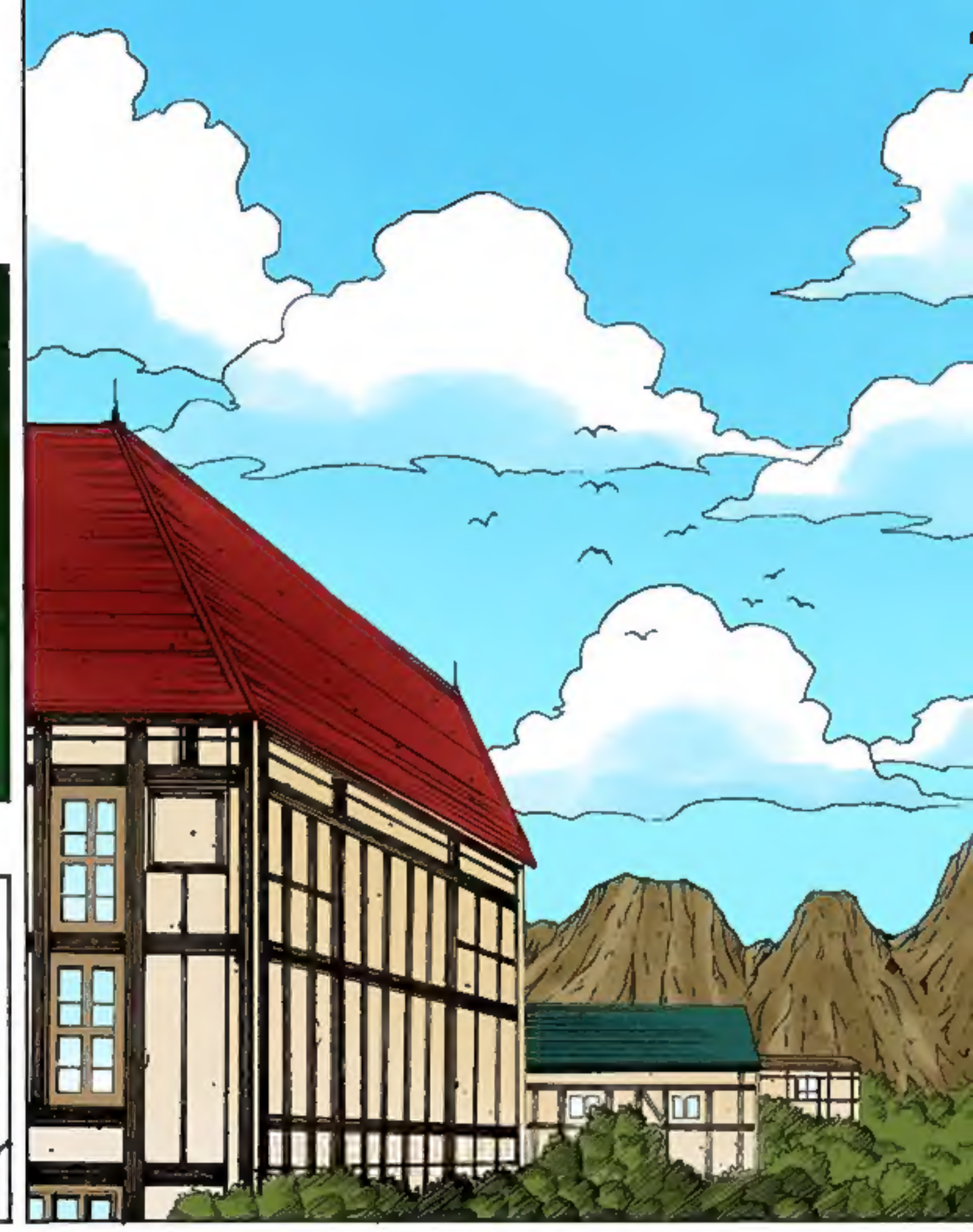
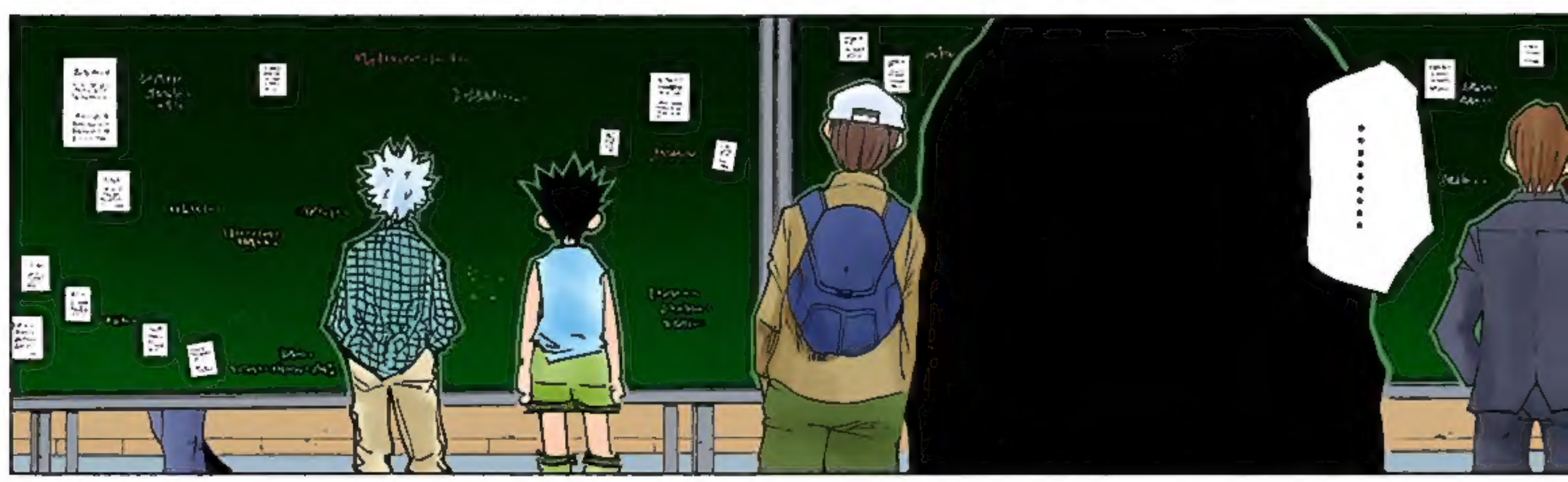



IT'S BEEN ERASED.
SOMEONE'S CHECKED THE BOARD.

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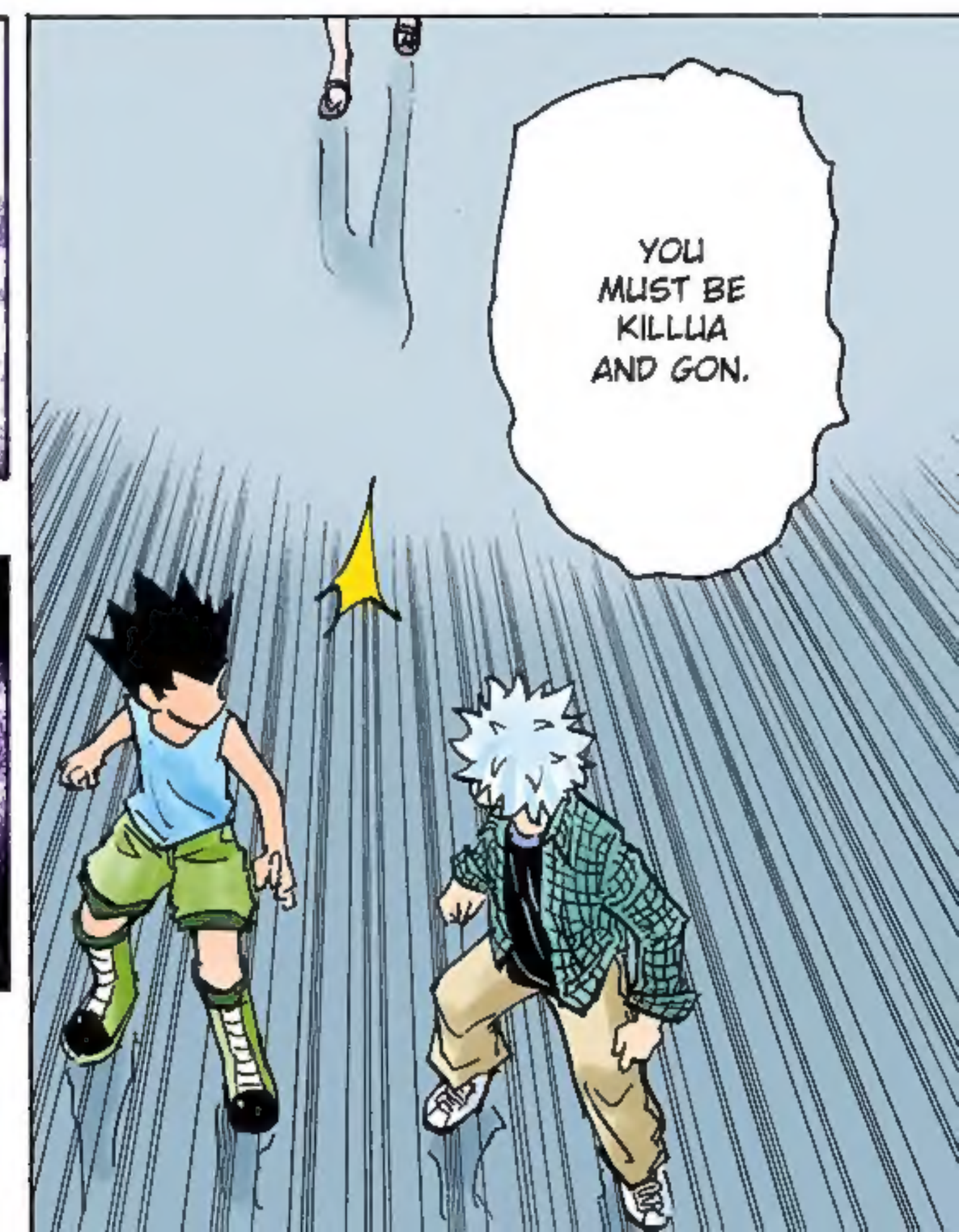
YOU MUST BE KILLUA AND GON.

MY NAME IS PALM. IT'S A PLEASURE.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

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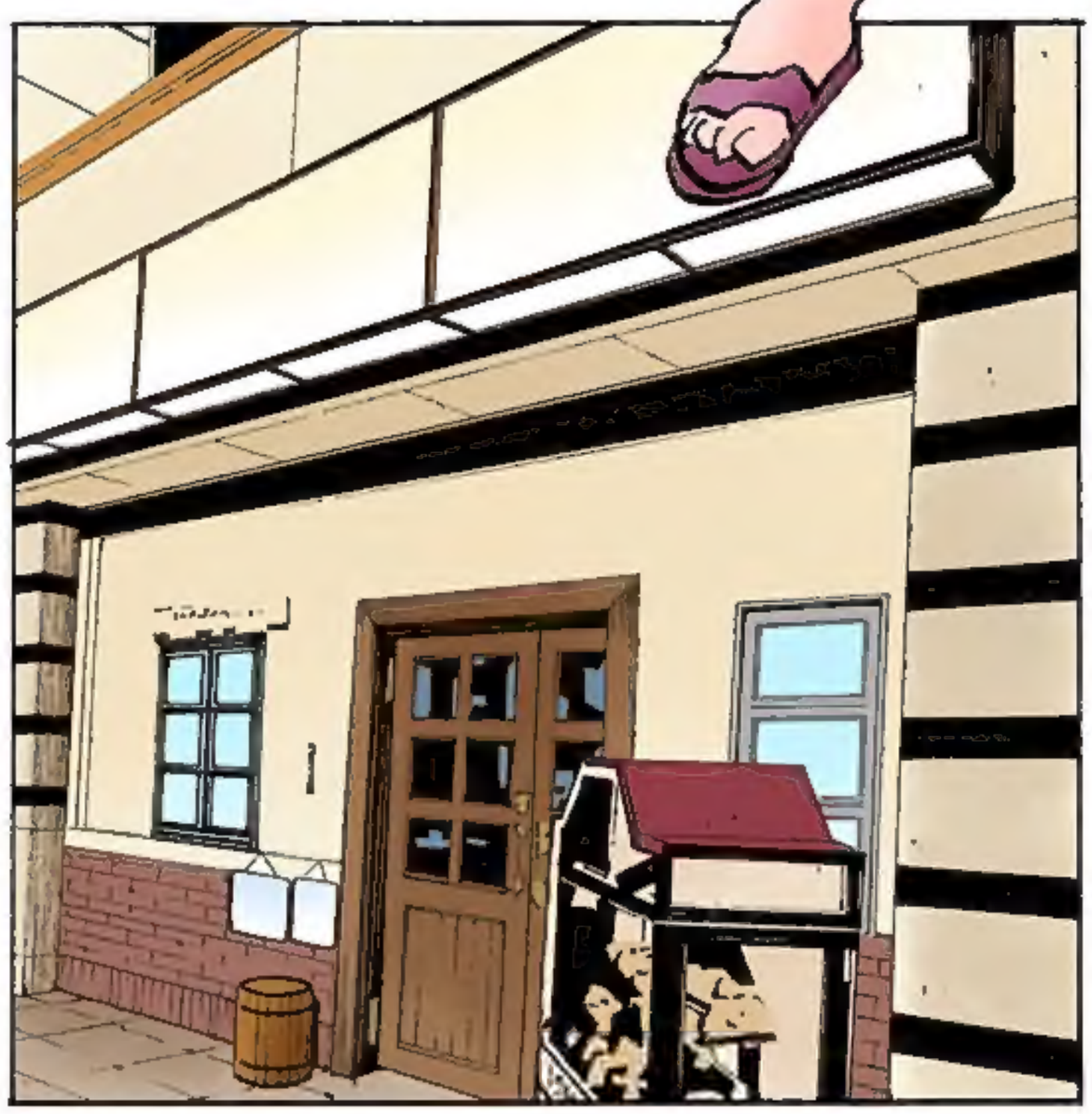
I IMAGINED THE CHAIRMAN DIDN'T TELL YOU MUCH.

OH, DEAR. PLEASE DON'T BE NERVOUS.

URK...



ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN, LET'S SIT DOWN FOR SOME TEA FIRST.

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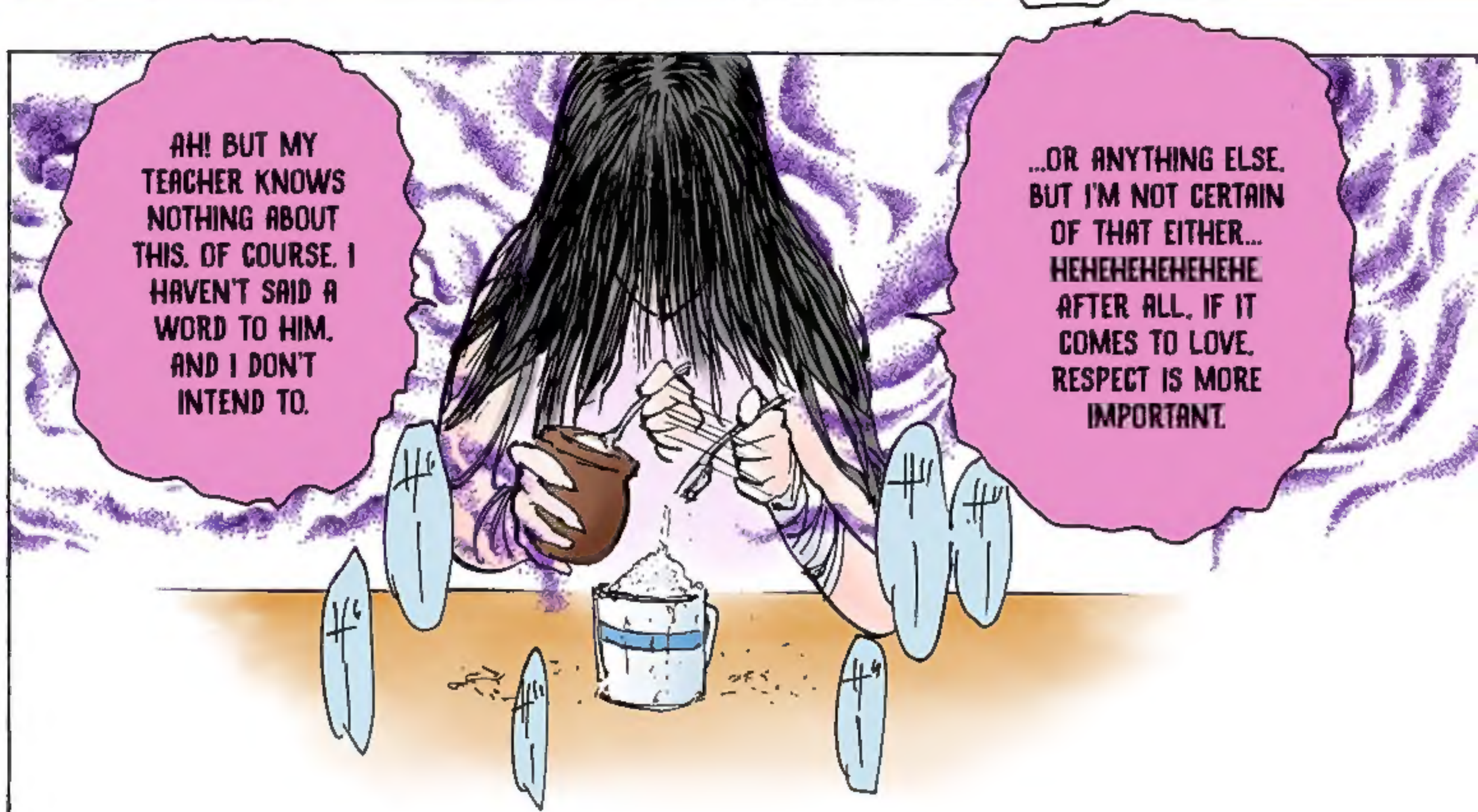
HE SAID I WOULD ONLY GET IN HIS WAY, BUT I INSISTED ON ACCOMPANYING HIM...

I AM KNOV'S APPRENTICE.

BUT I ONLY ADMIRE HIM. THAT'S ALL. NOTHING ROMANTIC...

OH.

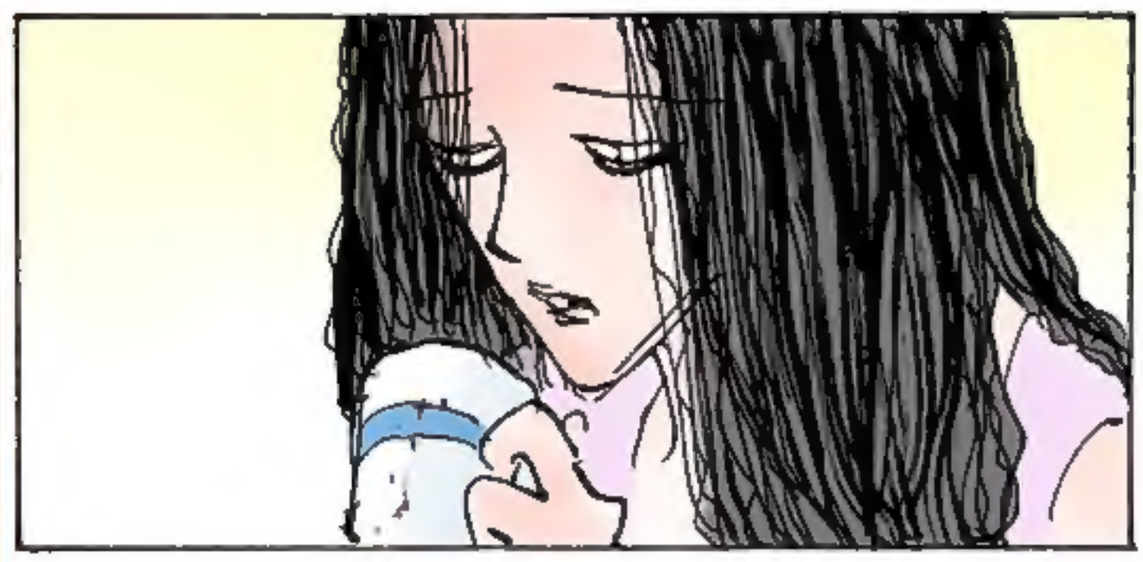
MY TEACHER IS A WONDERFUL MAN. COOL. INTELLIGENT. COMPOSED... AHH. COMPOSED AND COOL MEAN THE SAME THING. OH. DEAR.

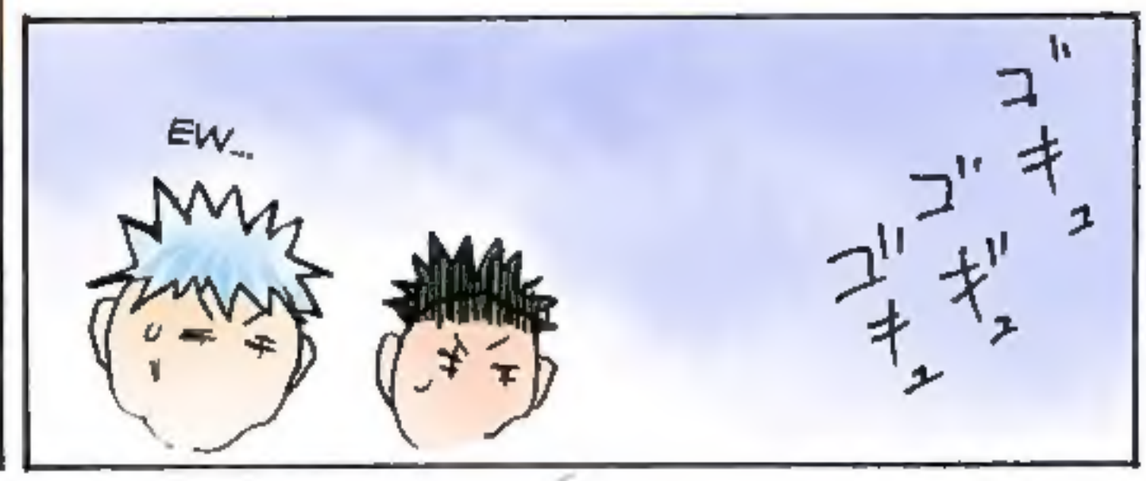


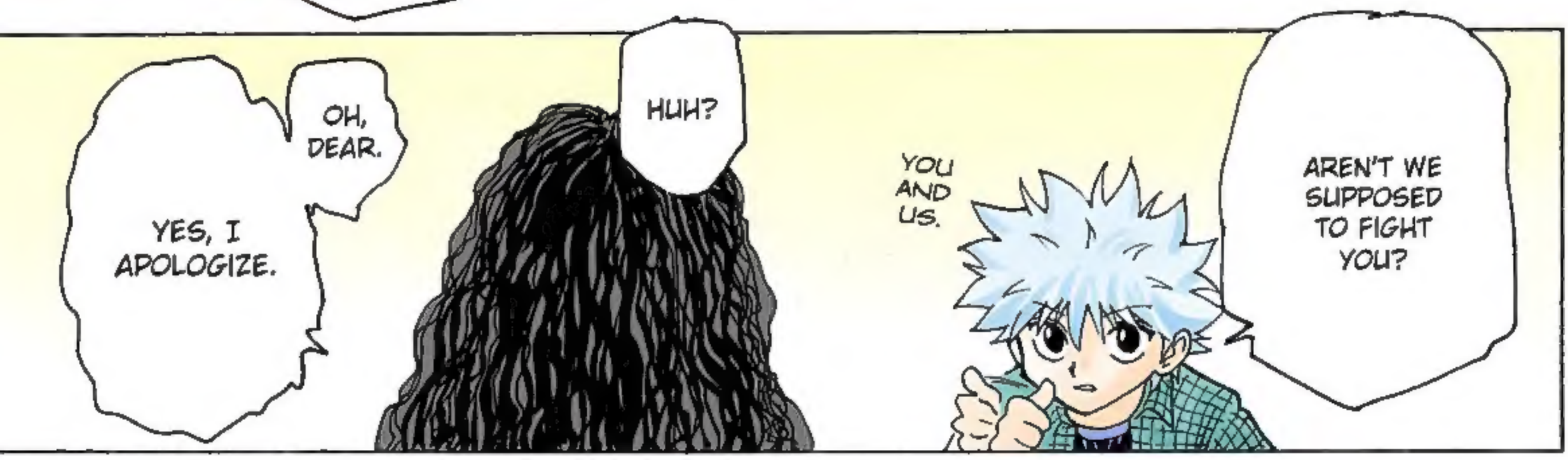
AFTER ALL, LOVE IS A SPONTANEOUS THING. WOULDN'T YOU AGREE? DON'T YOU AGREE?

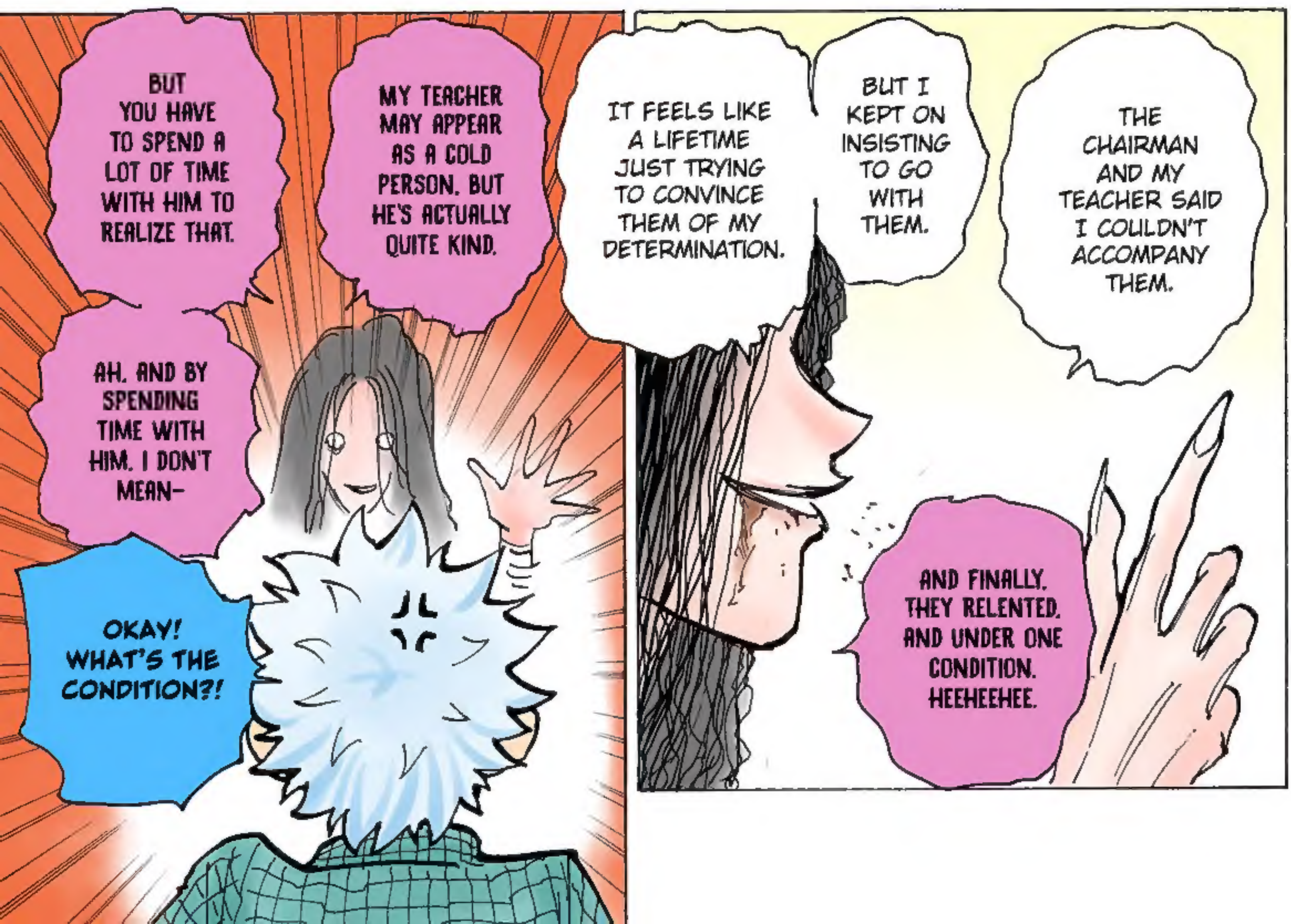
THOUGHT... YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

UH, CAN I INTERRUPT YOU FOR A SEC?

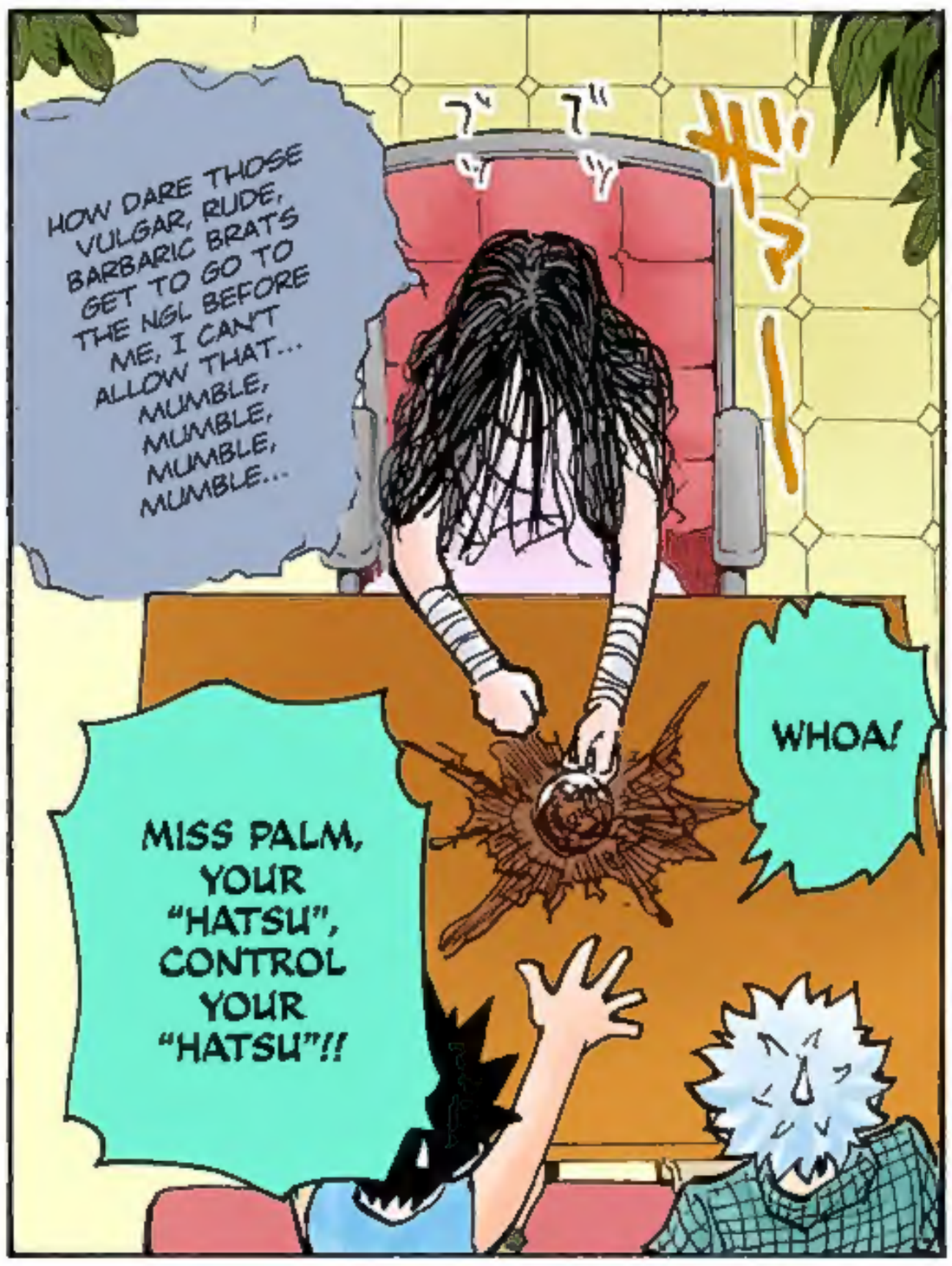






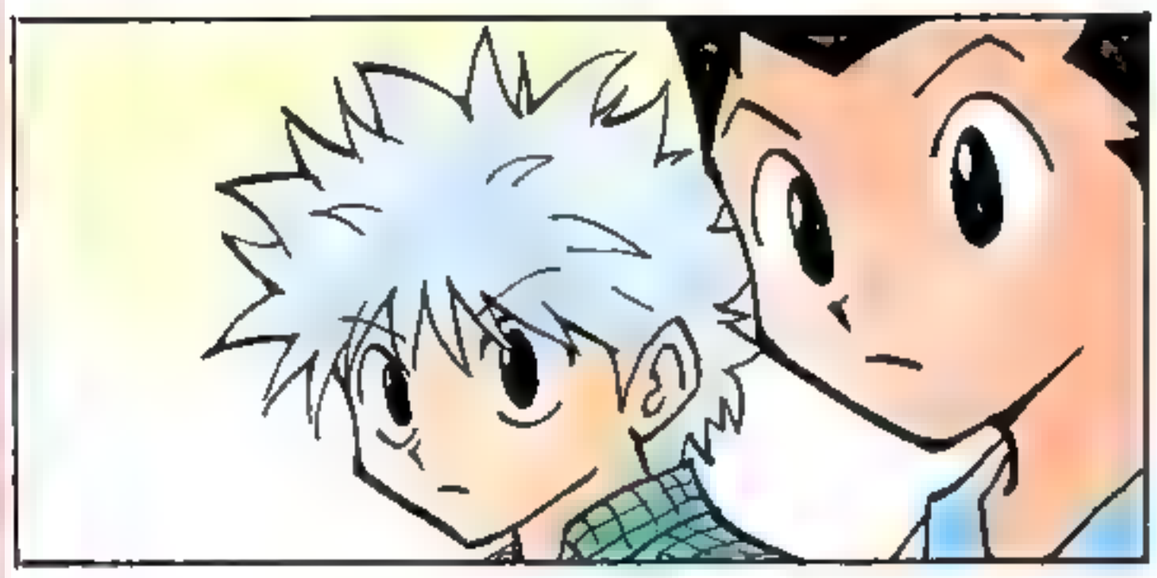


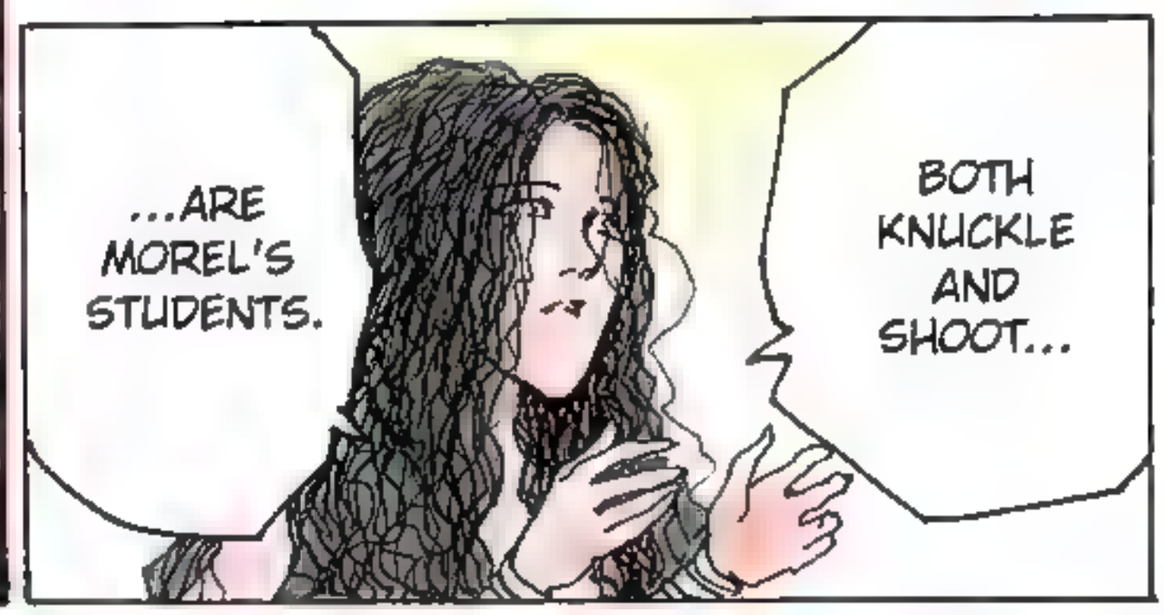
...TAKE DOWN KNUCKLE AND SHOOT...!!



THOSE TWO HAVE RECEIVED A CONDITION.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT CONDITION WAS.





ONLY ONE GROUP WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO...!

BUT WHETHER IT'S US OR THEM WHO GO TO THE NGL...

...ONE MONTH'S TIME!!

WE HAVE...

IT FELT LIKE A DREAM.
THAT WAS FUN...

I'D LOVE TO DO THAT AGAIN.

WITH YOU...

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IT'S SO SIMPLE.

I GOT IT.

OH.

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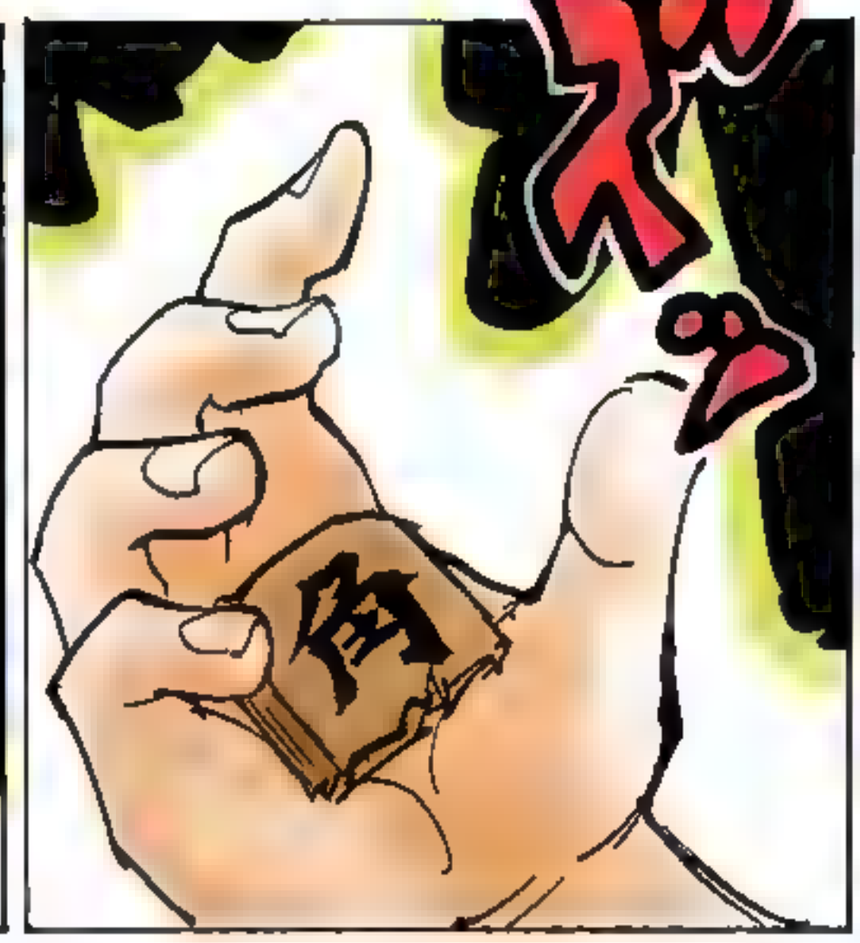
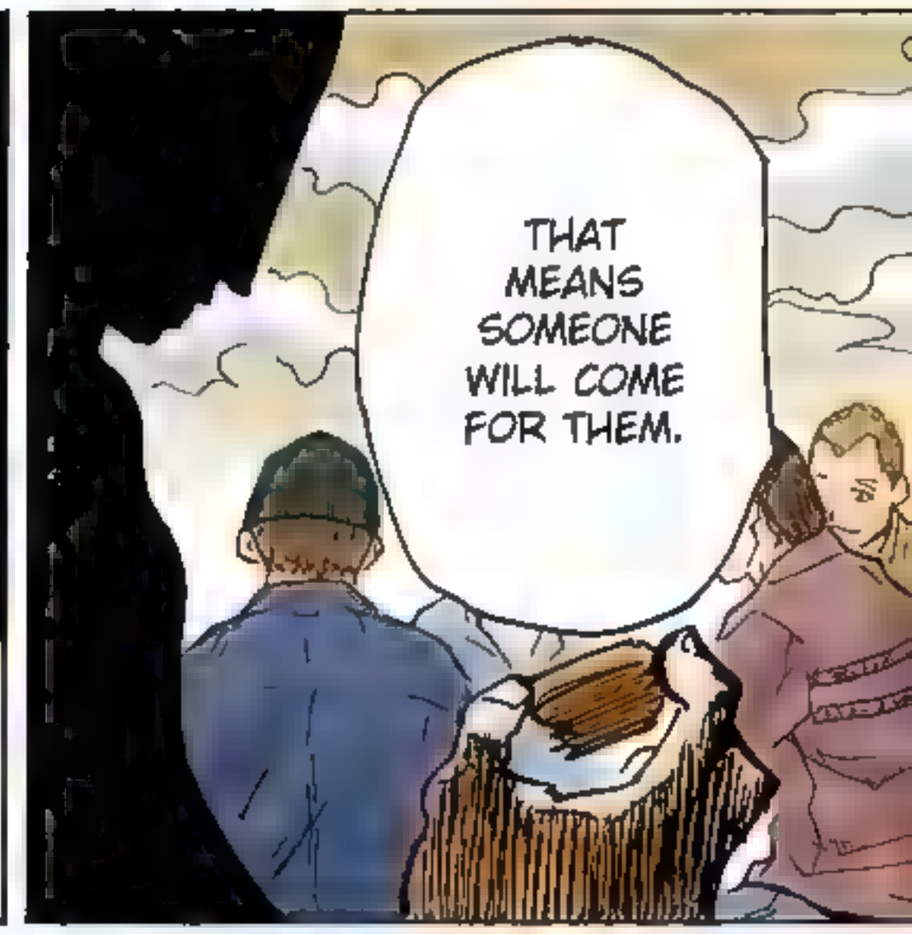
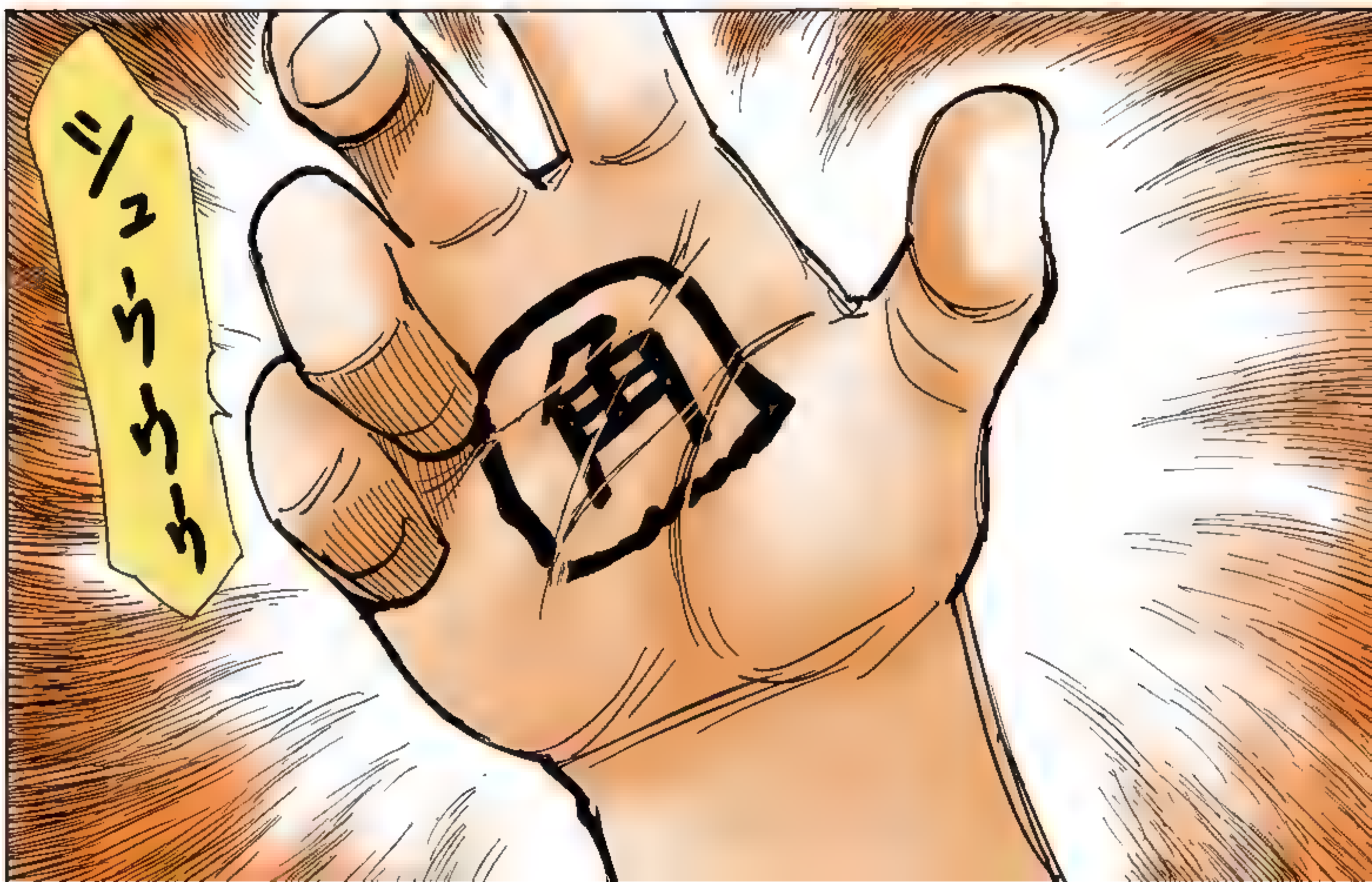
I JUST NEED TO FIX HIM.
...I'LL MAKE THAT MY ABILITY.
FOR THAT...

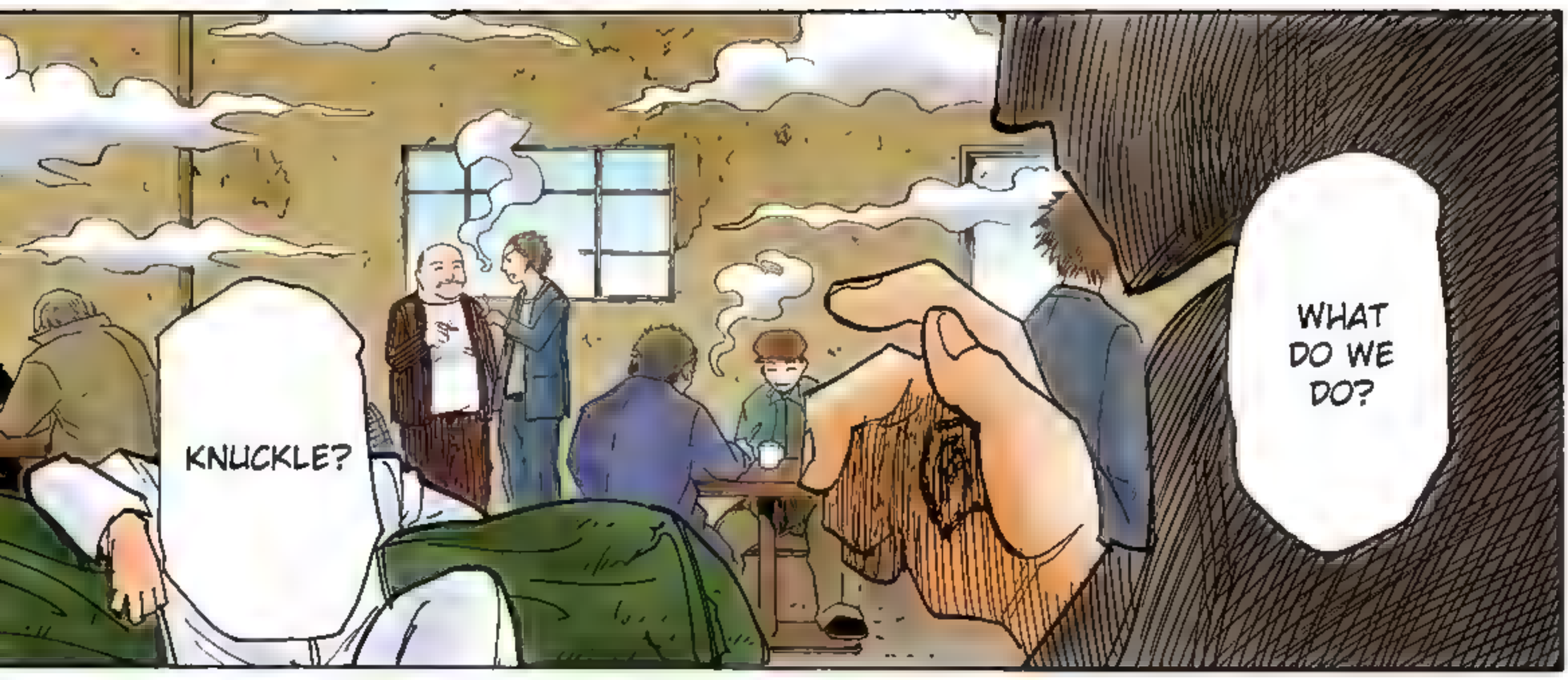
TO KEEP THESE TILES FOR A MONTH.

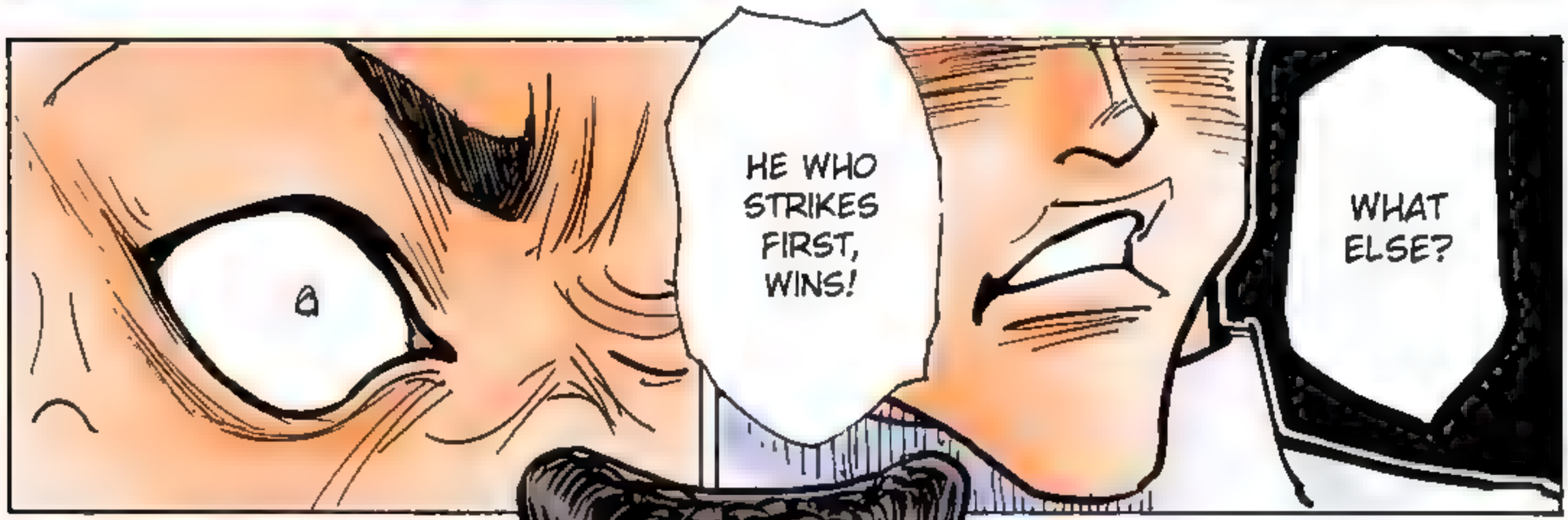
SO WE WERE TOLD...

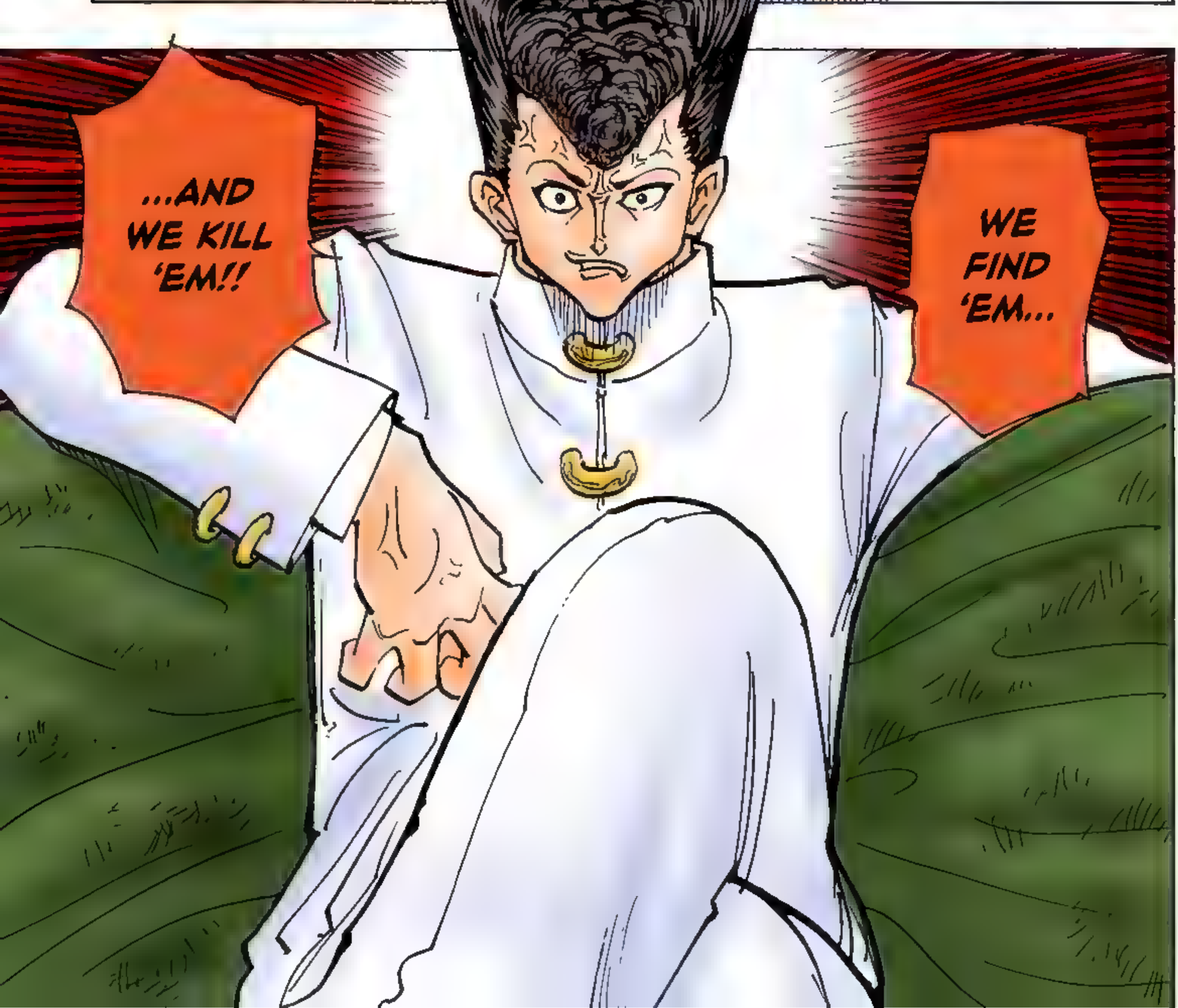







KNUCKLE?
WHAT DO WE DO?


HE WHO STRIKES FIRST, WINS!
WHAT ELSE?


...AND WE KILL 'EM!!
WE FIND 'EM...

No.201 ◆ REUNION

CHROLLO IS READING BOBOBO-BO BO-BOBO FROM THE WEEKLY SHONEN JUMP MAGAZINE.

I CHALLENGE THE TWO EXTERMINATION TEAM CANDIDATES TO A DUEL!!

MY NAME IS KNUCKLE BINE!! I'M A BEAST HUNTER!

COME FIGHT ME FAIR AND SQUARE!!

EXACTLY AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, SHARP!!

IT'LL JUST BE ME AND ME ALONE!! SO COME AND FIGHT ME!!

WHERE?

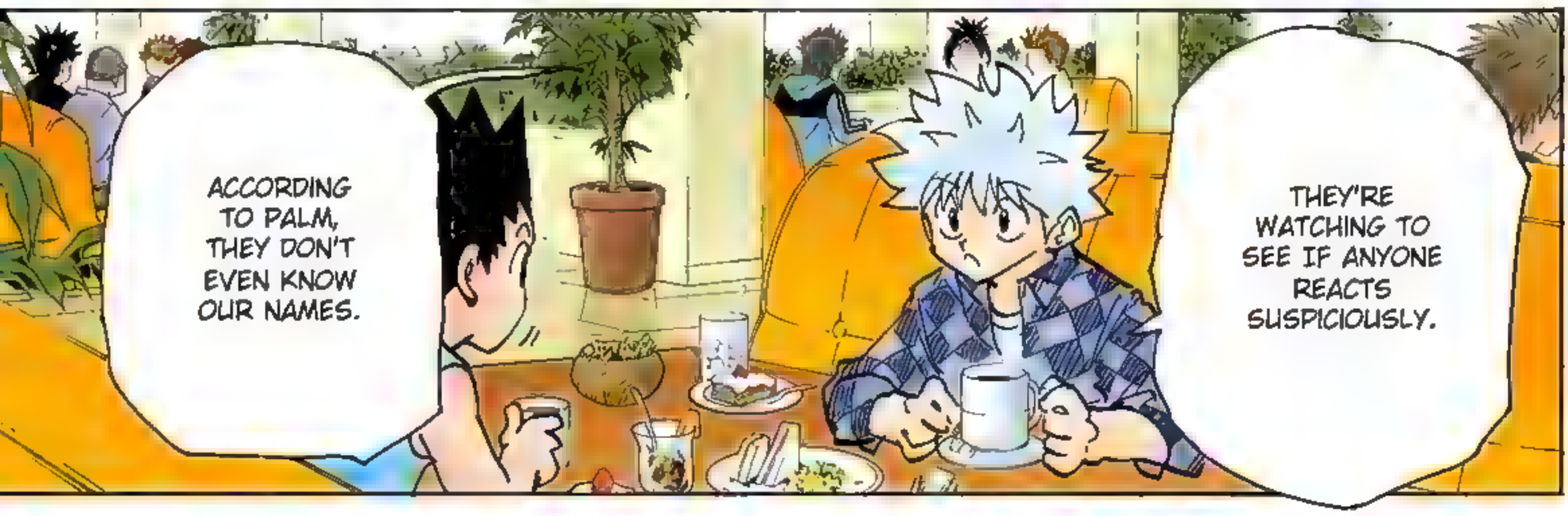
WHAT ABOUT THE LOCATION...

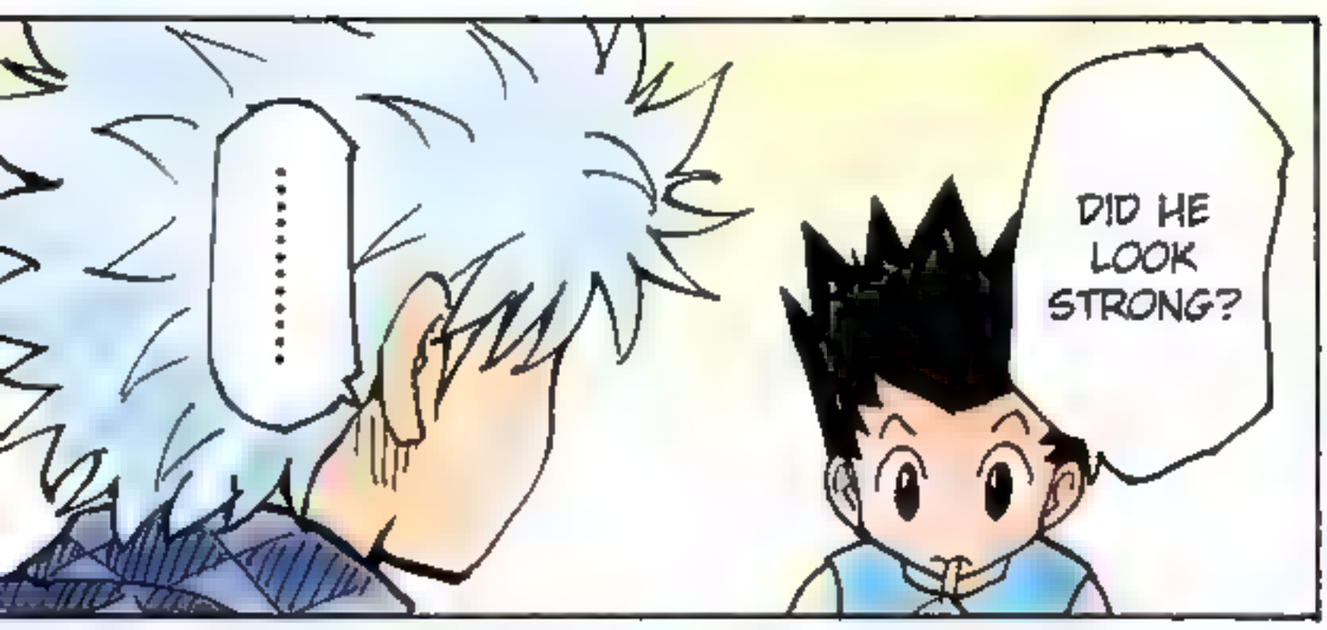
I WON'T TRY TO RUN AWAY OR HIDE!! I WON'T BRING ANY WEAPONS OR ALLIES!!

YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM WHERE TO FIND YOU...

EVEN IF HE SAID WHERE, I WOULDN'T GO.

HE'S PARTNER IS PROBABLY HIDING, WATCHING US.
HE'S JUST A DECOY.


ACCORDING TO PALM, THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW OUR NAMES.
THEY'RE WATCHING TO SEE IF ANYONE REACTS SUSPICIOUSLY.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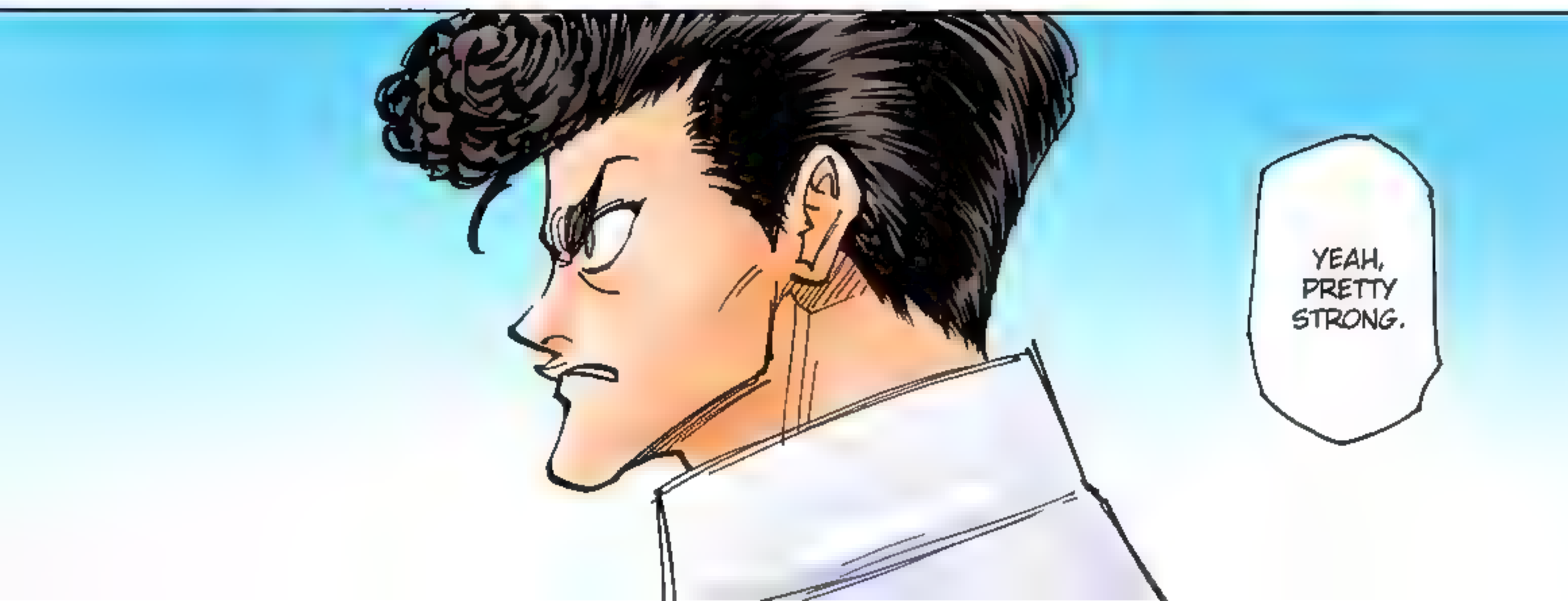
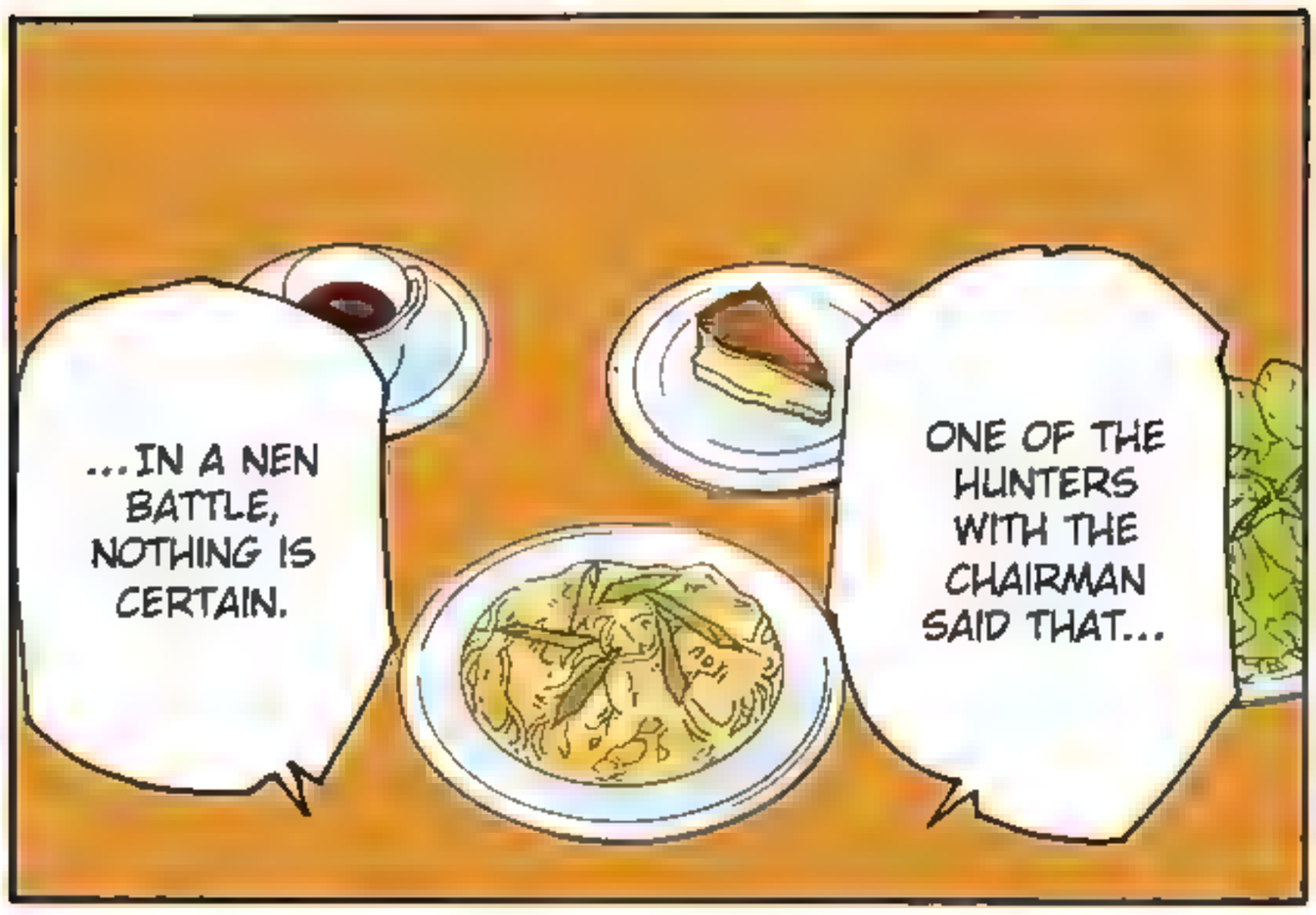
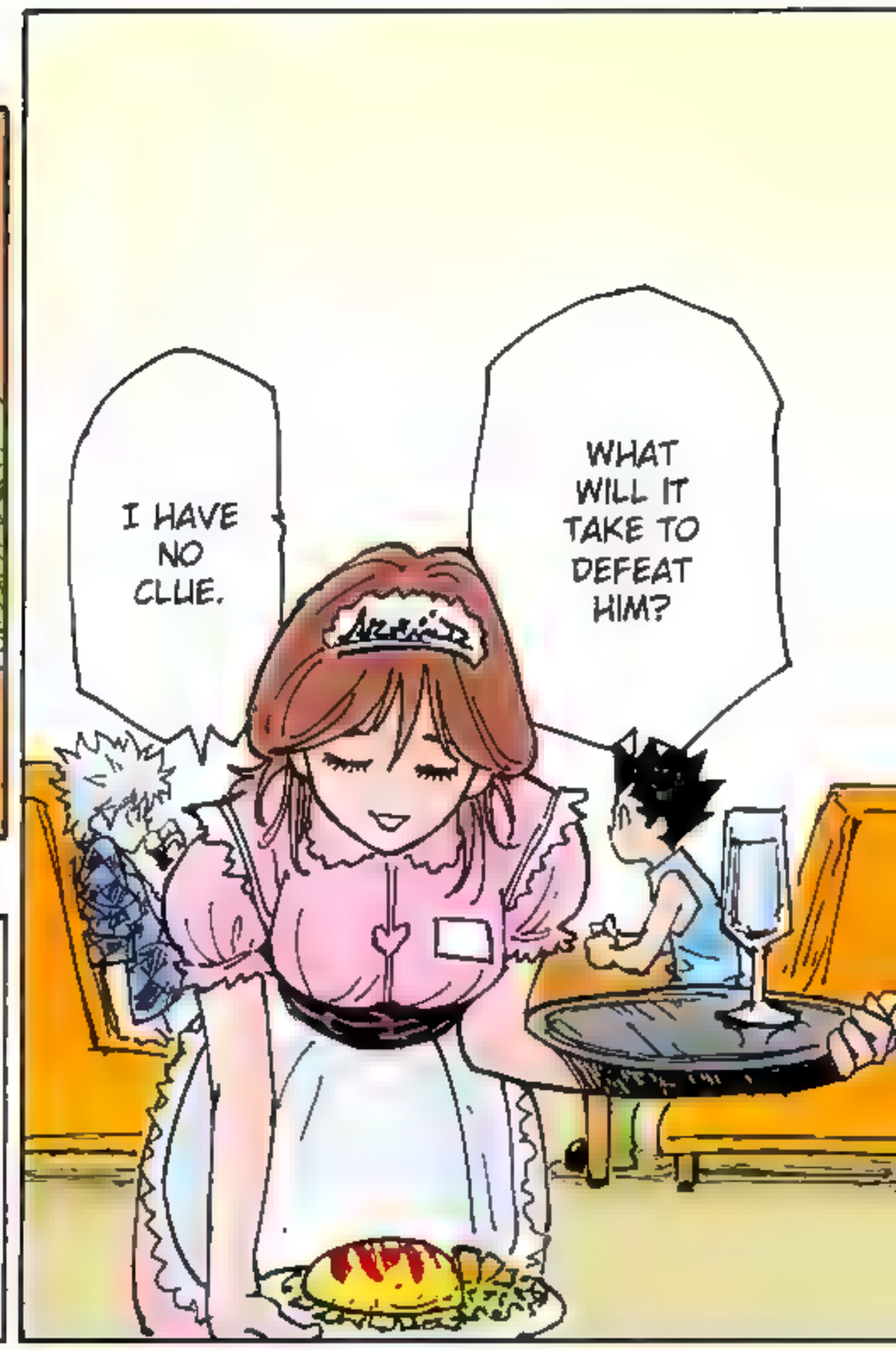
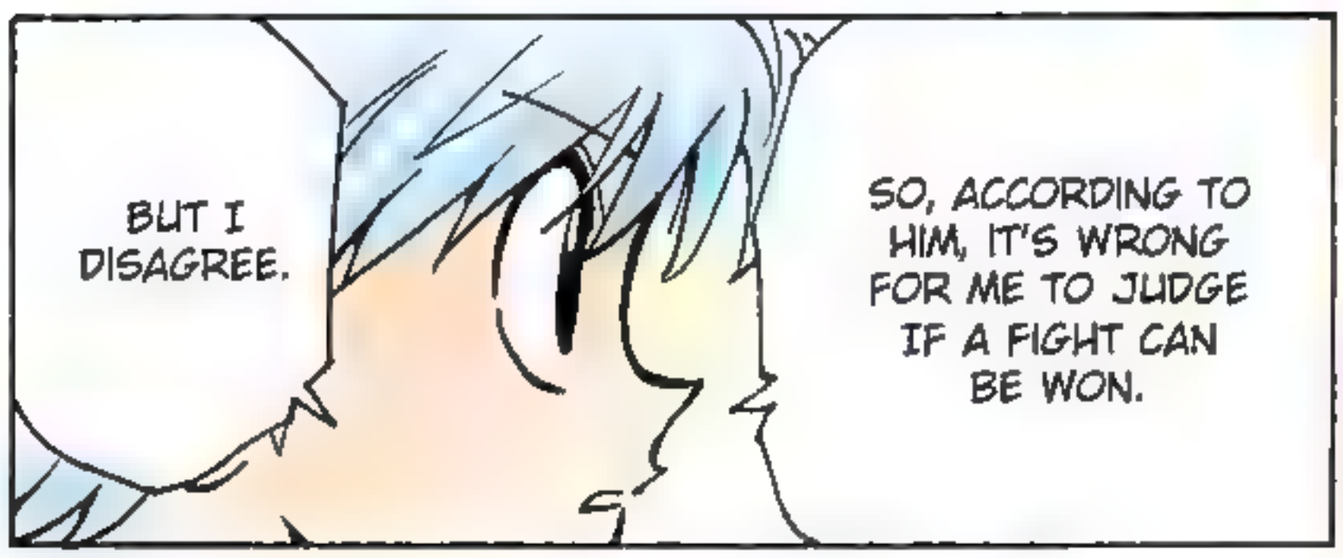
DID HE LOOK STRONG?

ONLY AN IDIOT WOULD PULL A STUNT LIKE THAT.
"IDIOT"
THEY WANTED TO LURE US OUT SOMEHOW.

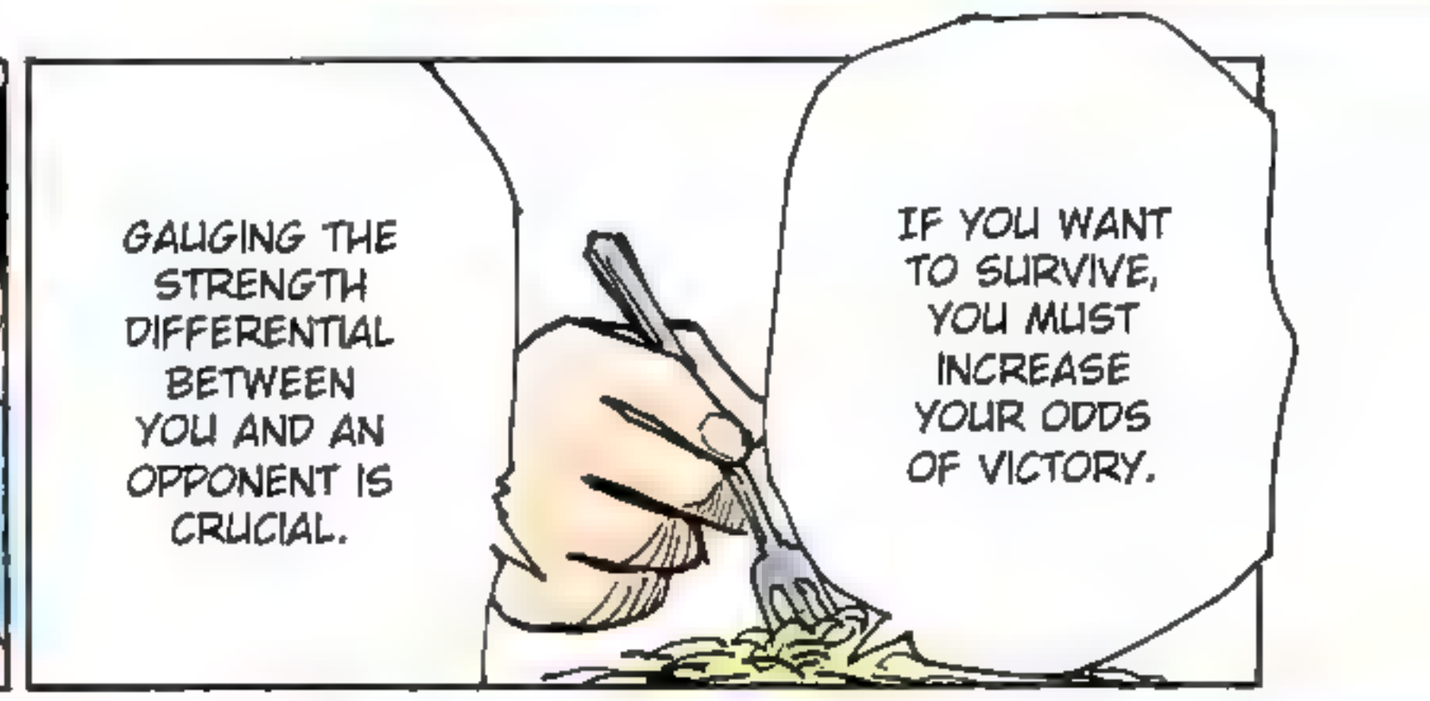

YEAH, PRETTY STRONG.


...IN A NEN BATTLE, NOTHING IS CERTAIN.
ONE OF THE HUNTERS WITH THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT...

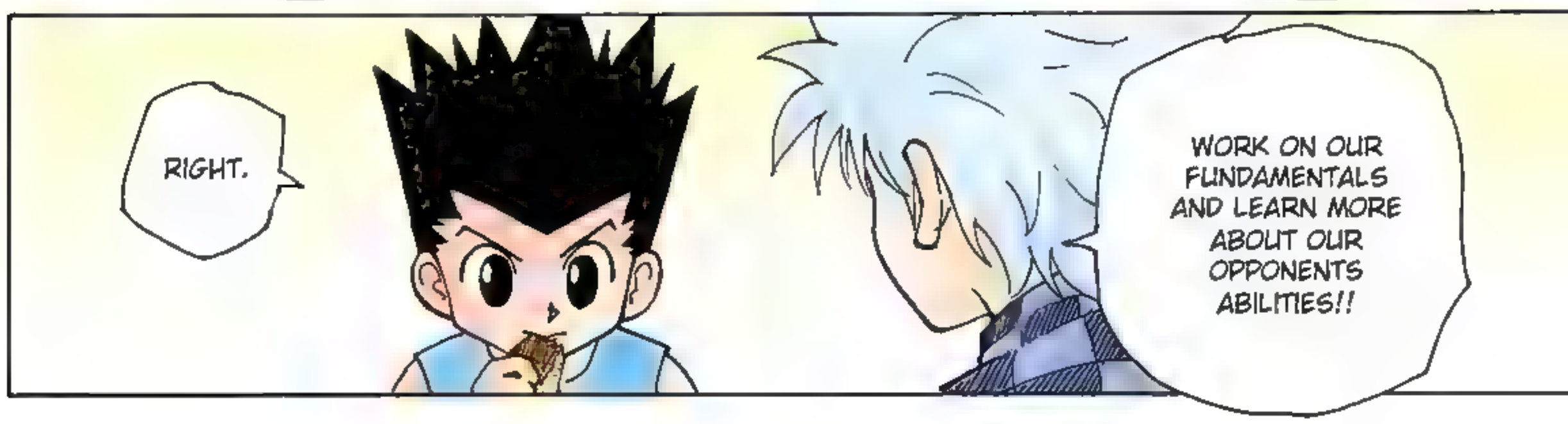

I HAVE NO CLUE.
WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO DEFEAT HIM?


BUT I DISAGREE.
SO, ACCORDING TO HIM, IT'S WRONG FOR ME TO JUDGE IF A FIGHT CAN BE WON.

IF YOU'RE UP AGAINST SOMEONE YOU CAN ONLY BEAT ONCE OR TWICE OUT OF 100 TIMES, DON'T BOTHER.

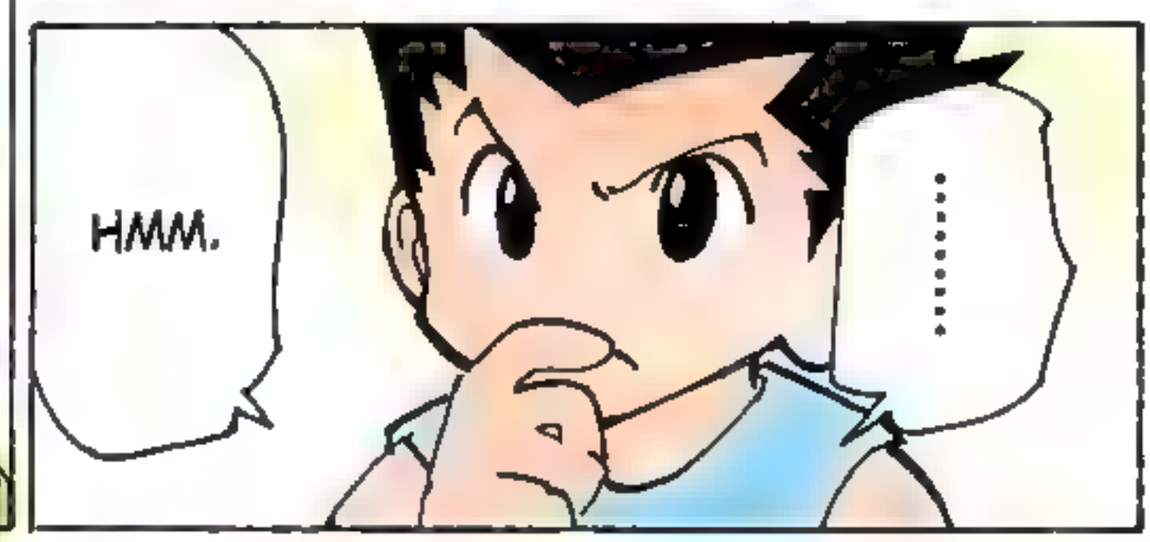

GAUGING THE STRENGTH DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN YOU AND AN OPPONENT IS CRUCIAL.
IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, YOU MUST INCREASE YOUR ODDS OF VICTORY.

FOR US TO GET THERE, THERE ARE 2 THINGS WE HAVE TO DO!!
YOU NEED AT LEAST A 50% PERCENT CHANCE. IF POSSIBLE, A GREATER THAN 70% CHANCE IS PREFERABLE.


RIGHT.
WORK ON OUR FUNDAMENTALS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR OPPONENTS ABILITIES!!

I HALF AGREE AND DISAGREE.
WELCOME!
!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IT'LL BE EASIER TO PLAN AHEAD, LIKE WE DID WITH GENTHRU.
IF WE KNOW OUR OPPONENTS ABILITIES...


HMM.
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BUT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO KNOW THEIR ABILITIES.
WE SHOULD WORK ON OUR FUNDAMENTALS.

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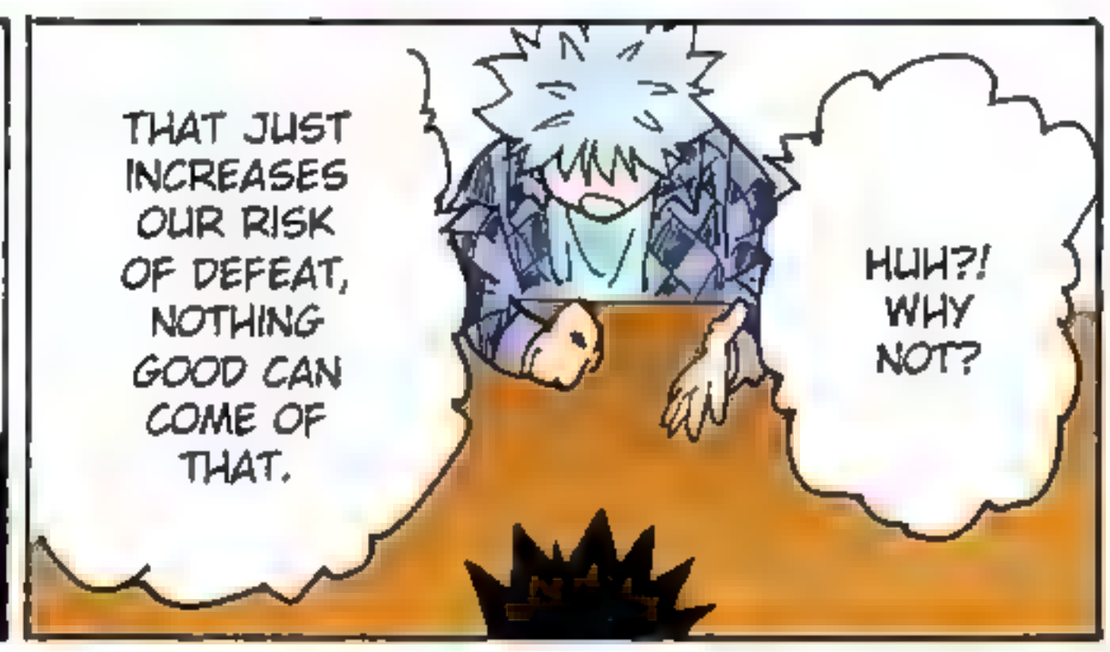
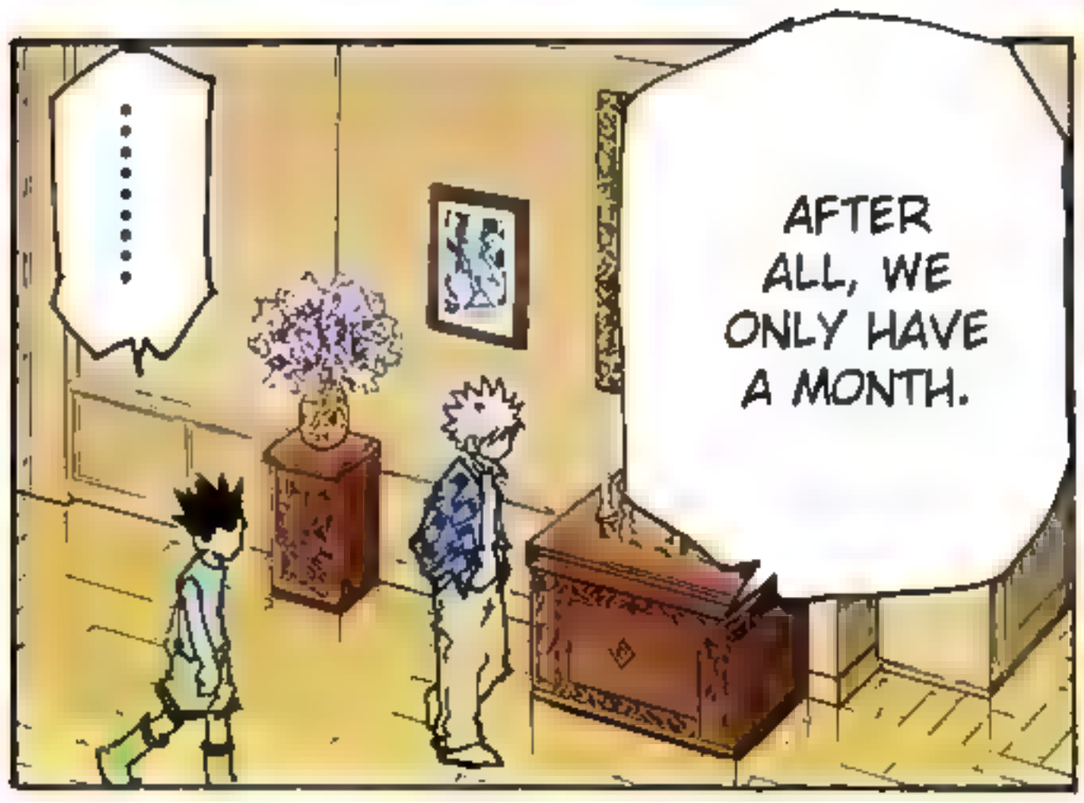
WHEN WE GO TO THE NGL.
BUT THAT'S WHAT WE'LL BE FACING.


THAT JUST INCREASES OUR RISK OF DEFEAT, NOTHING GOOD CAN COME OF THAT.
HUH?! WHY NOT?

IT'S TO BECOME STRONGER, AND RETURN TO THE NGL TO RESCUE KITE!!
OUR GOAL ISN'T TO DEFEAT KNUCKLE AND SHOOT.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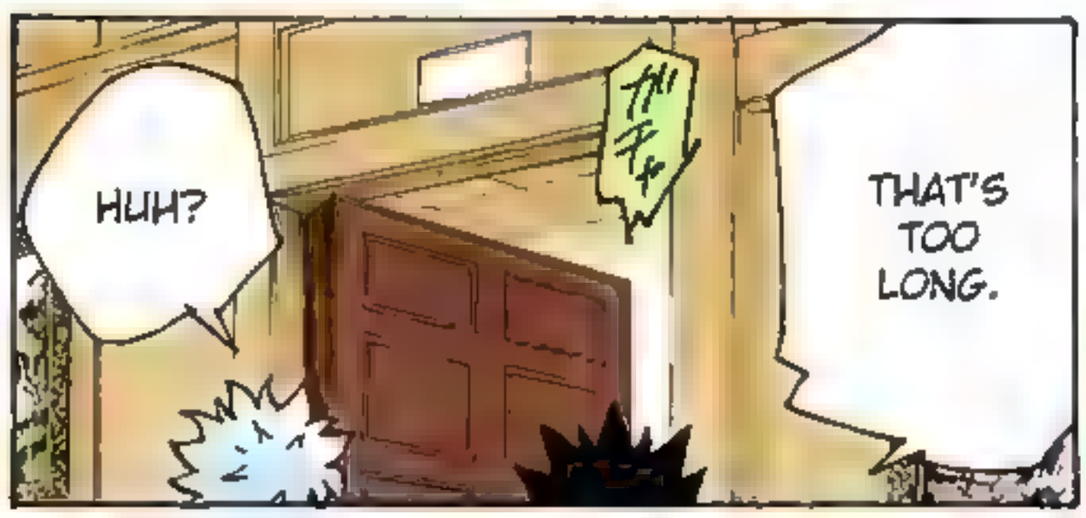
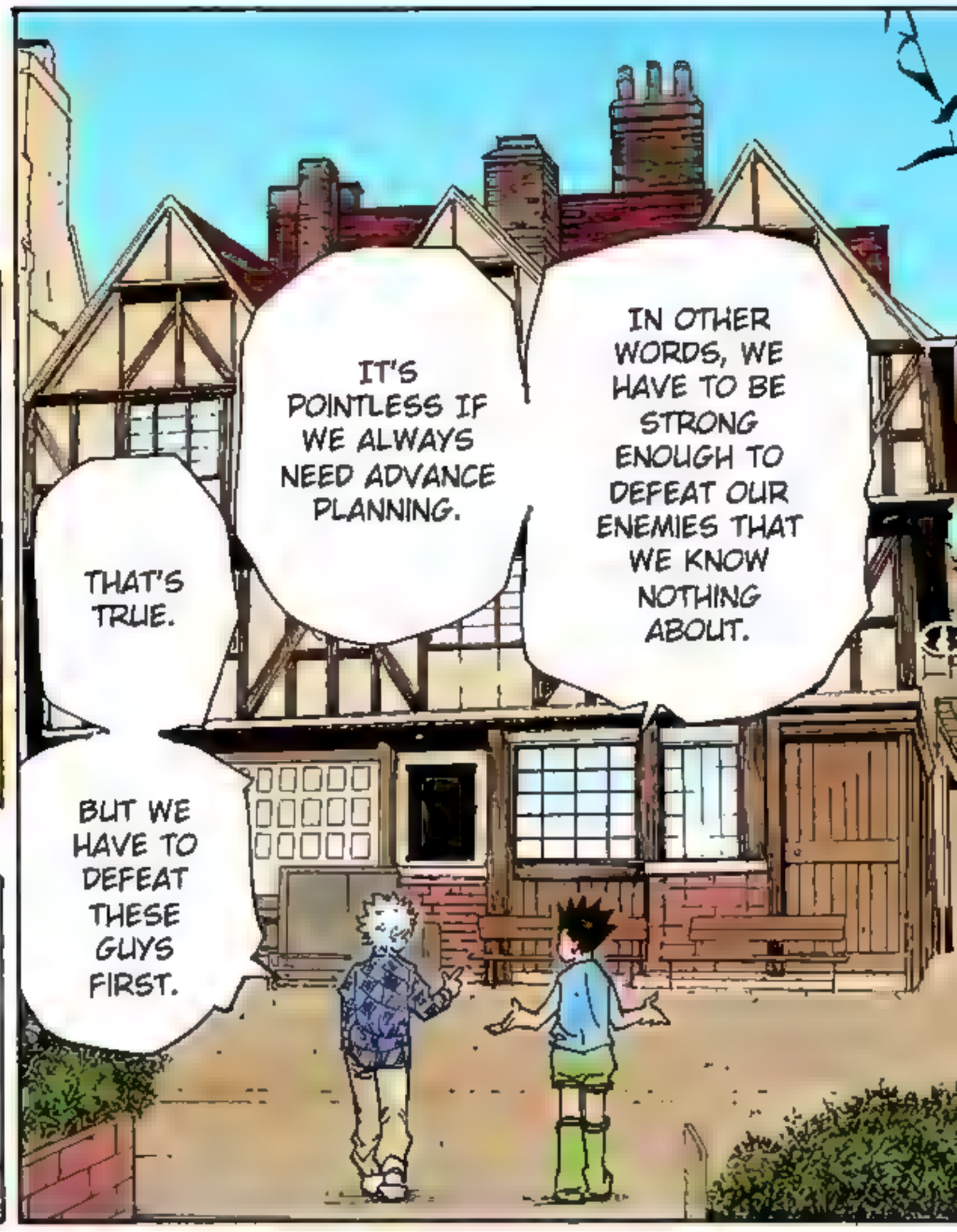
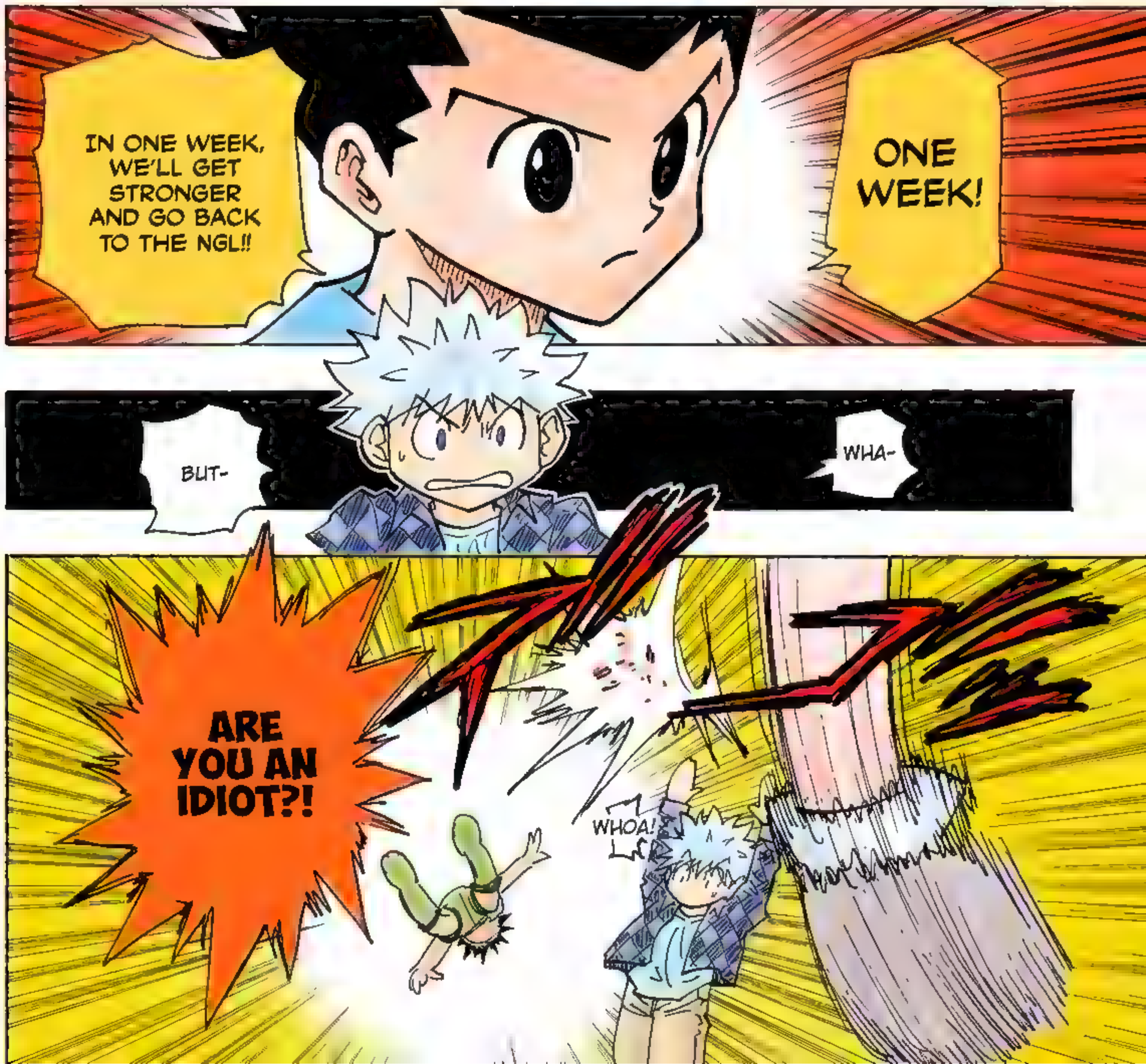
AFTER ALL, WE ONLY HAVE A MONTH.


HUH?
THAT'S TOO LONG.


THAT'S TRUE.
IT'S POINTLESS IF WE ALWAYS NEED ADVANCE PLANNING.
IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAVE TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT OUR ENEMIES THAT WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.
BUT WE HAVE TO DEFEAT THESE GUYS FIRST.


IN ONE WEEK, WE'LL GET STRONGER AND GO BACK TO THE NGL!!
ONE WEEK!
BUT-
WHA-
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!
WHOA!

AH!

AH!

I ASKED HER TO COME.

WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

YUP.

BISCUIT ?!!

NOW, THERE'S NO TIME TO SPARE... LET'S BEGIN.

HEHEHEH, ONCE I USED MY ABILITY, IT WAS QUITE SIMPLE.

BUT HOW? WE ONLY KNOW BISKY BECAUSE...

I DID SOME RESEARCH ON YOU GUYS.

NO.

HUH?! YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?!

NO THANKS...

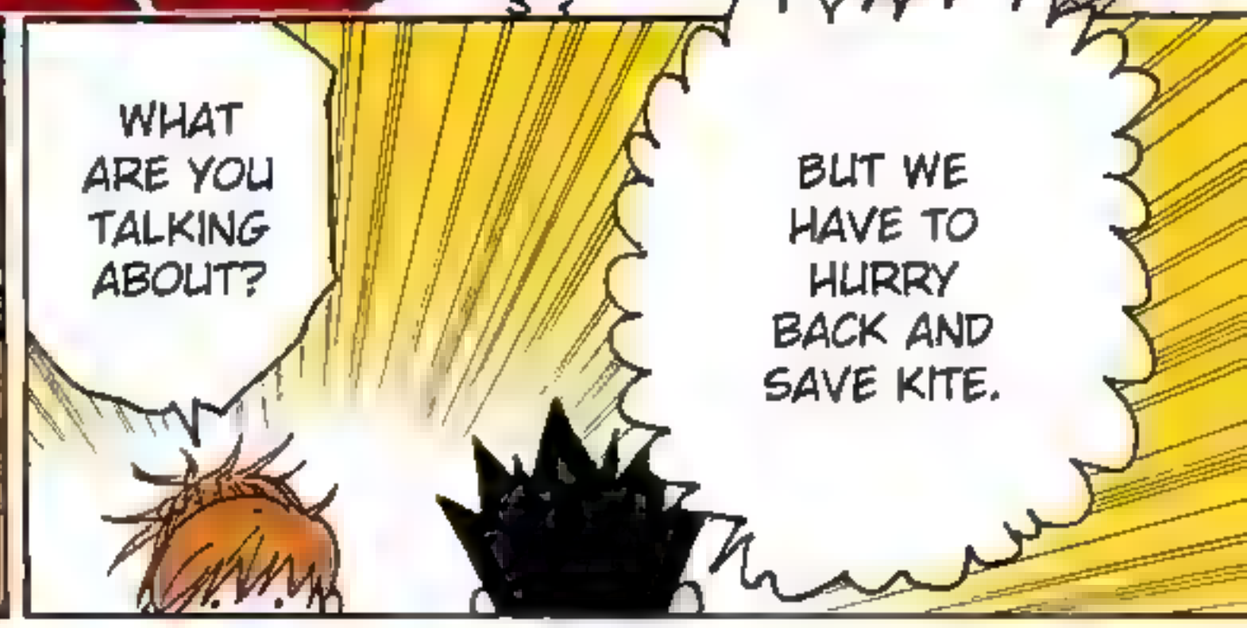
THE STRATEGY TO SLAUGHTER MOREL'S DISCIPLES...!

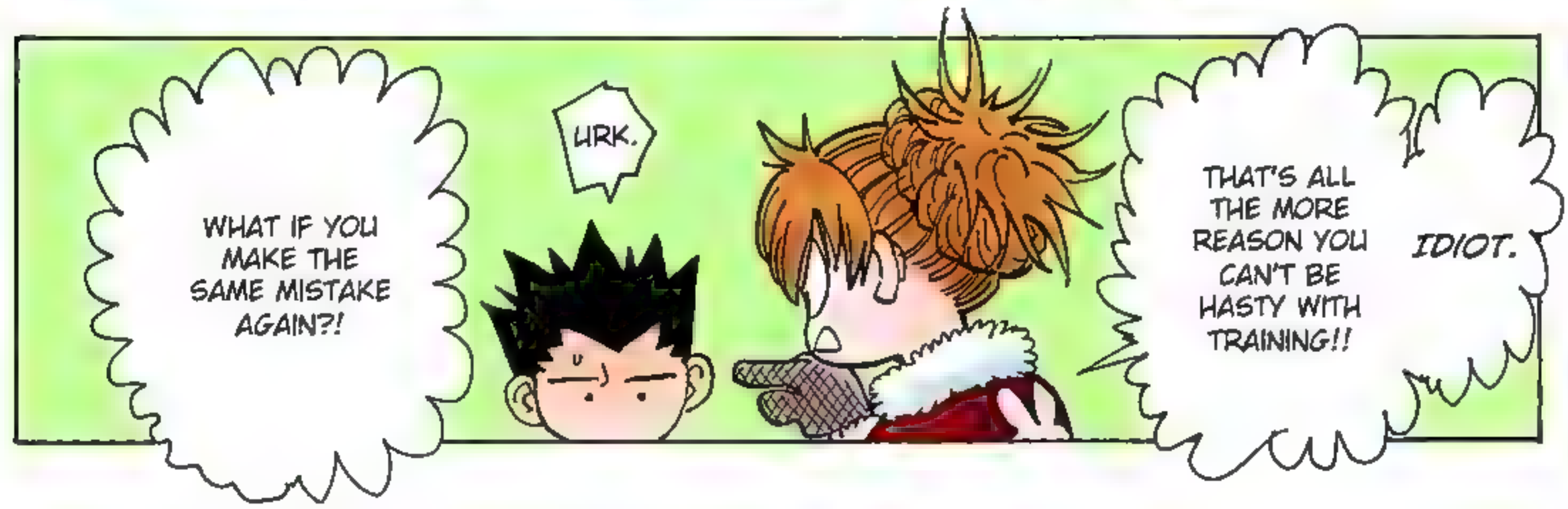
OW!
ZUKKI!
ARE YOU STUPID?
I'M PICKING UP WHERE I LEFT OFF EARLIER.
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

OSU!!
LET'S GET STARTED, THEN.

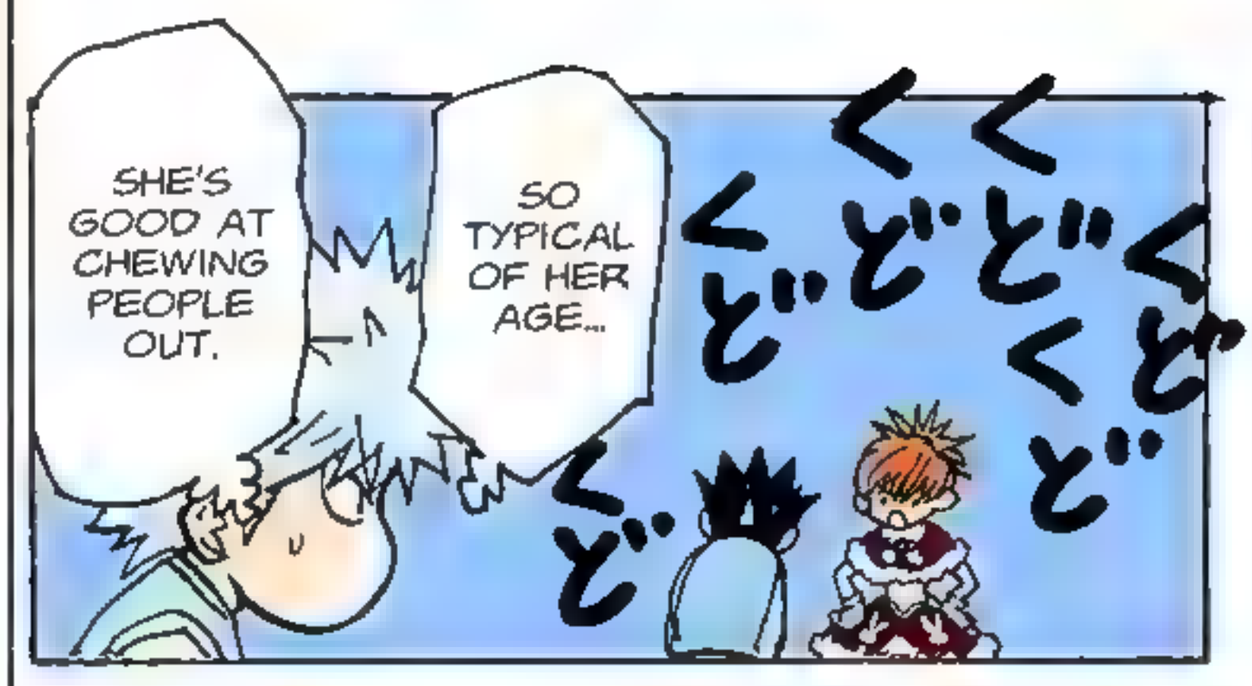
IF HE TELLS YOU TO DO SOMETHING IN A MONTH, IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE YOU OVER ONE YEAR! YOU WON'T DEFEAT THEM AFTER A WEEK!!
THAT OLD MAN IS NOTORIOUS FOR BEING UNREASONABLE.

I SEE.


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BUT WE HAVE TO HURRY BACK AND SAVE KITE.


WHAT IF YOU MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN?!
URK.
THAT'S ALL THE MORE REASON YOU CAN'T BE HASTY WITH TRAINING!!
IDIOT.

SHOW ME "REN"!!
LET'S START TRAINING, THEN.


SHE'S GOOD AT CHEWING PEOPLE OUT.
SO TYPICAL OF HER AGE...
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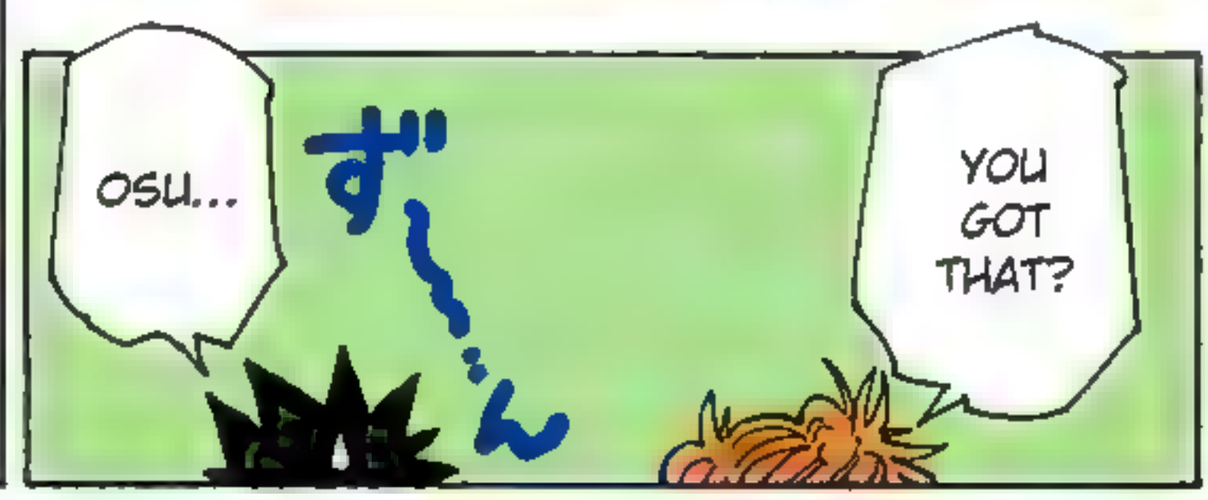
OSU...
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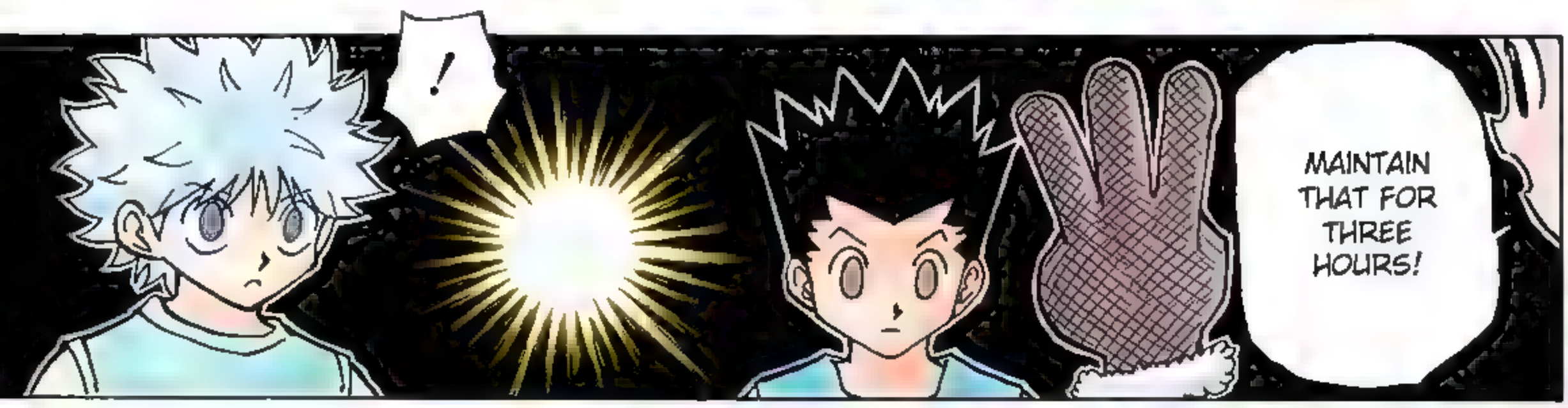
YOU GOT THAT?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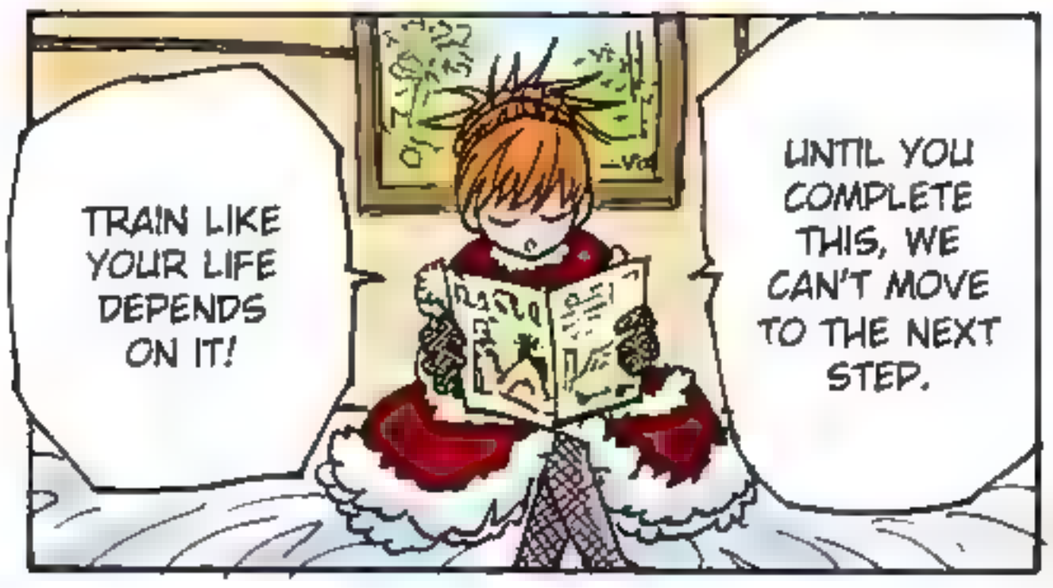
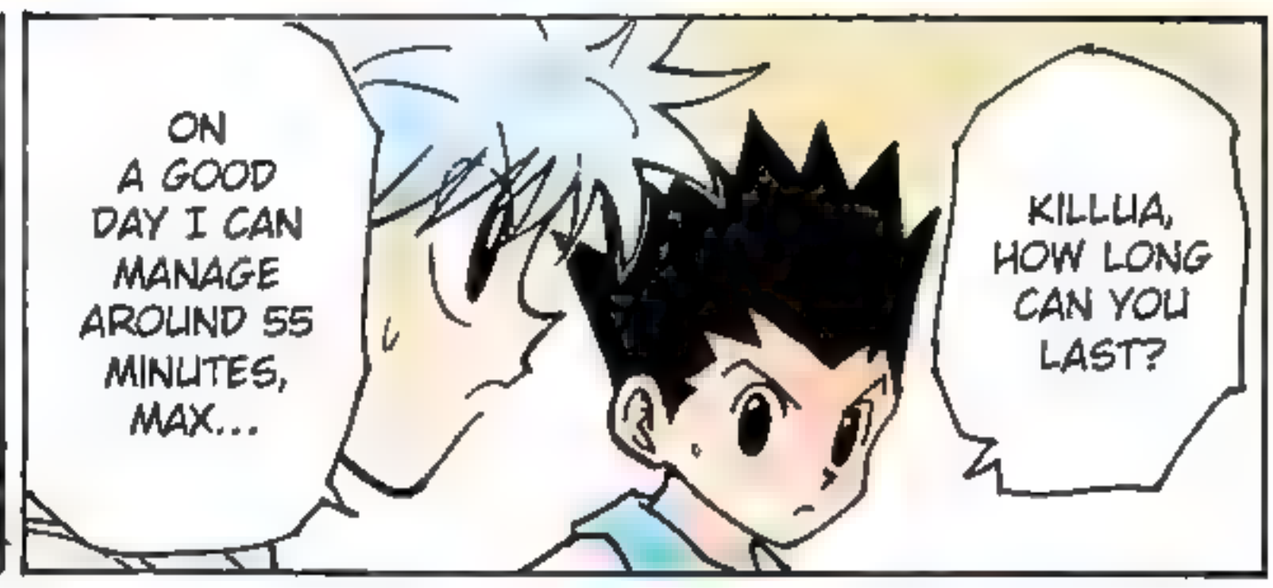
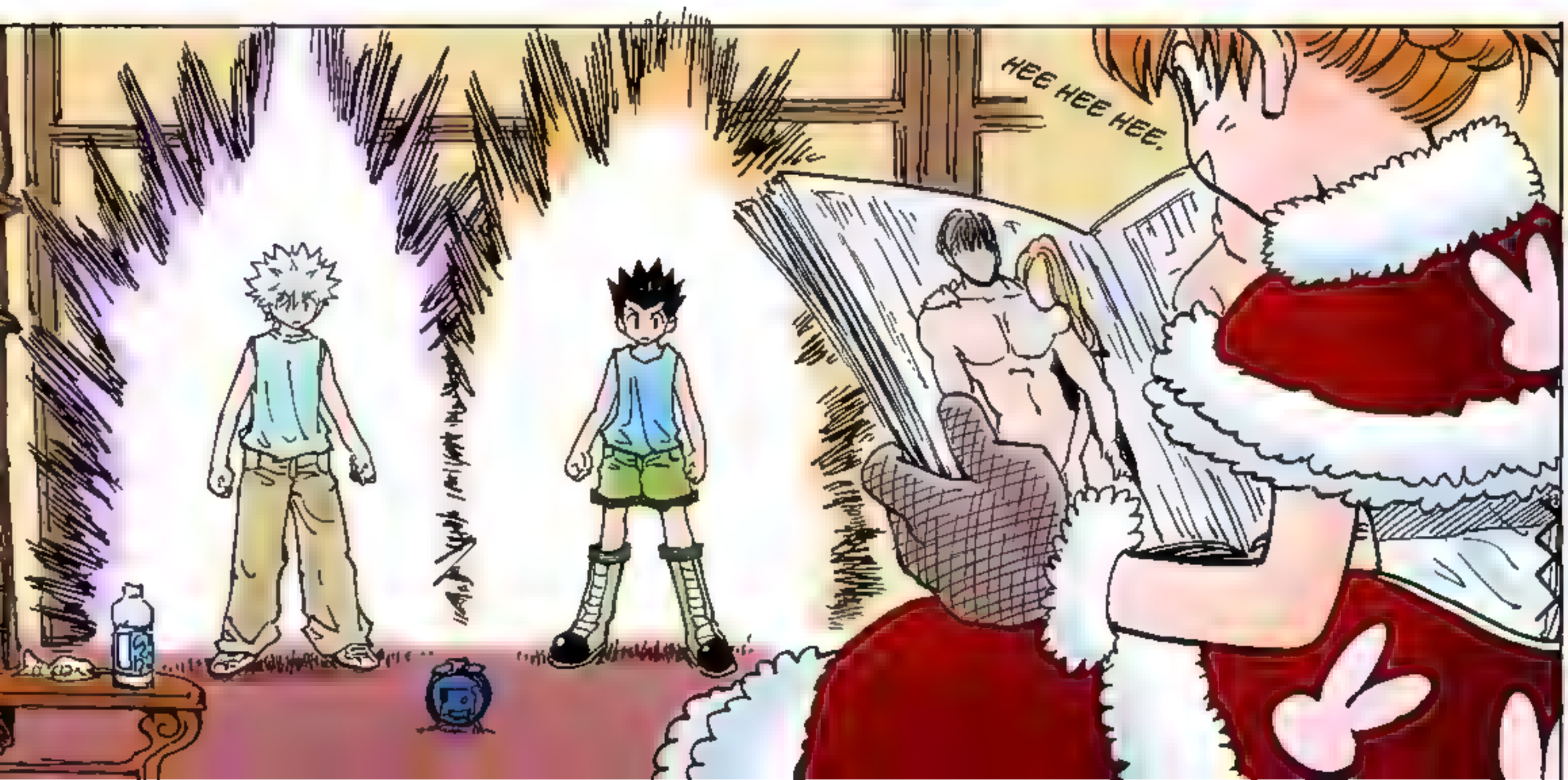
MAINTAIN THAT FOR THREE HOURS!


TRAIN LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!
UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THIS, WE CAN'T MOVE TO THE NEXT STEP.


ON A GOOD DAY I CAN MANAGE AROUND 55 MINUTES, MAX...
KILLUA, HOW LONG CAN YOU LAST?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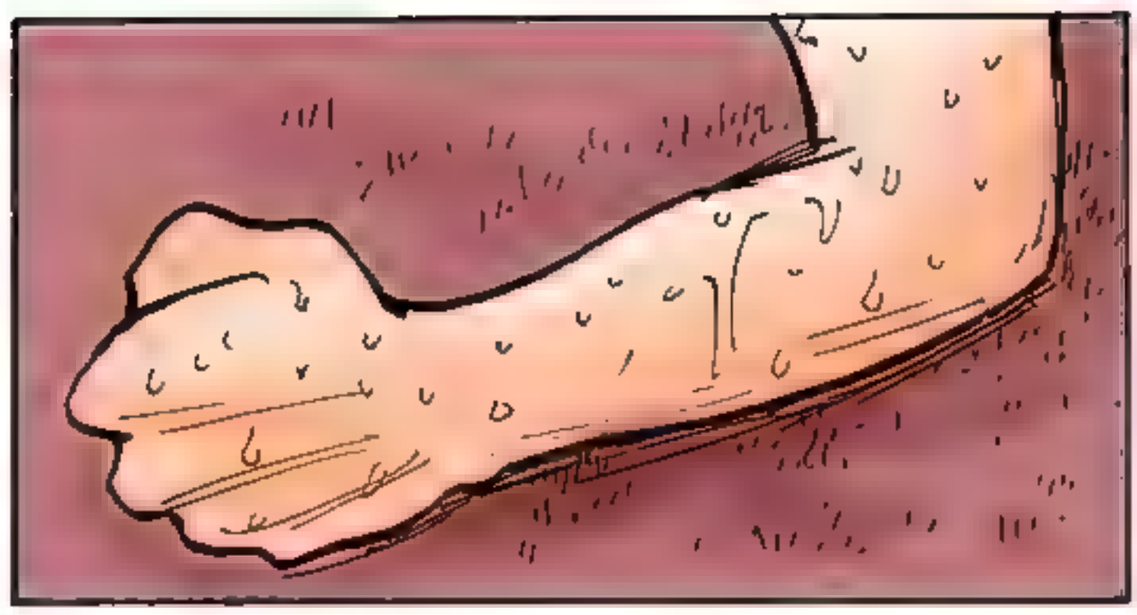

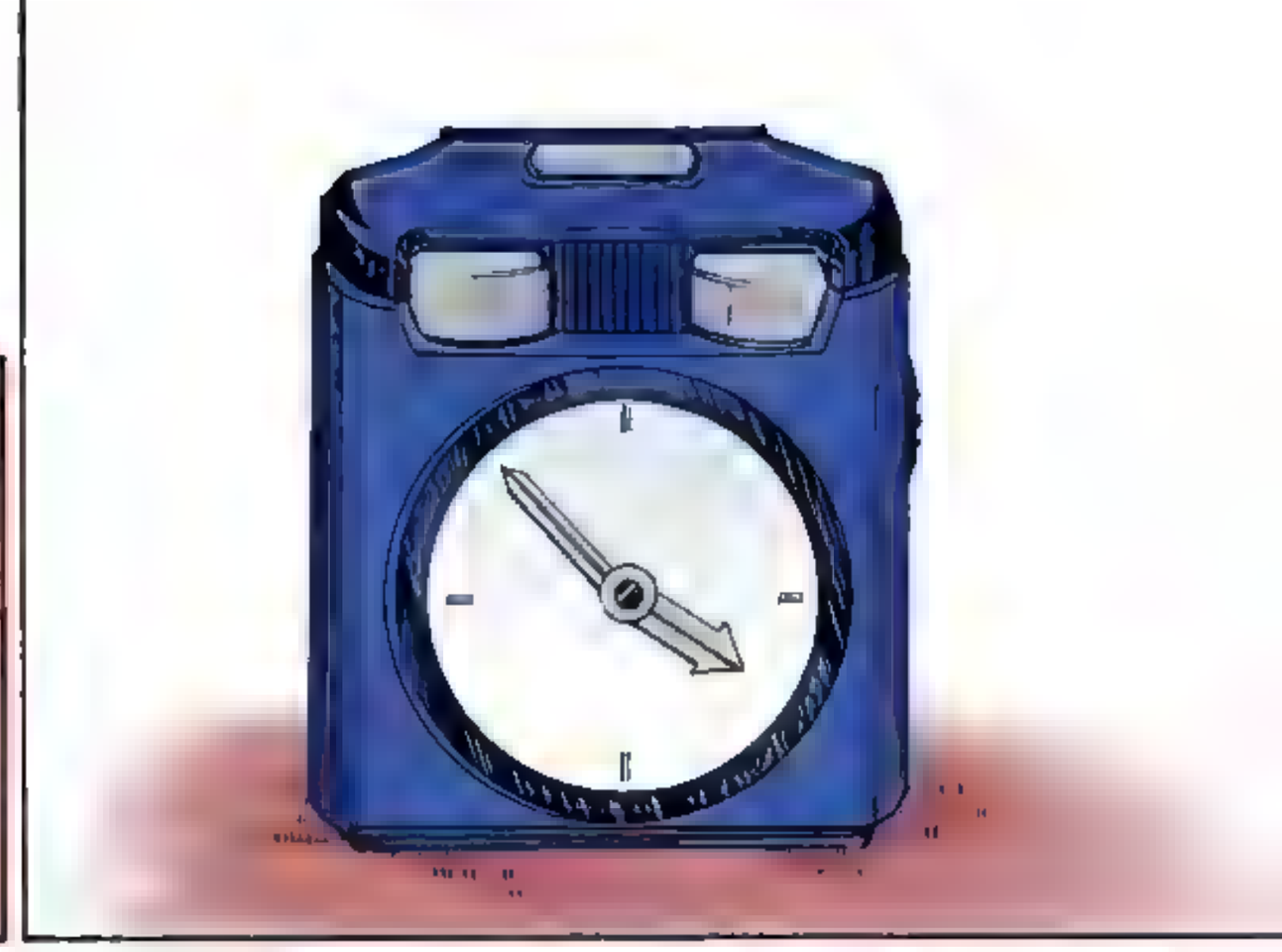

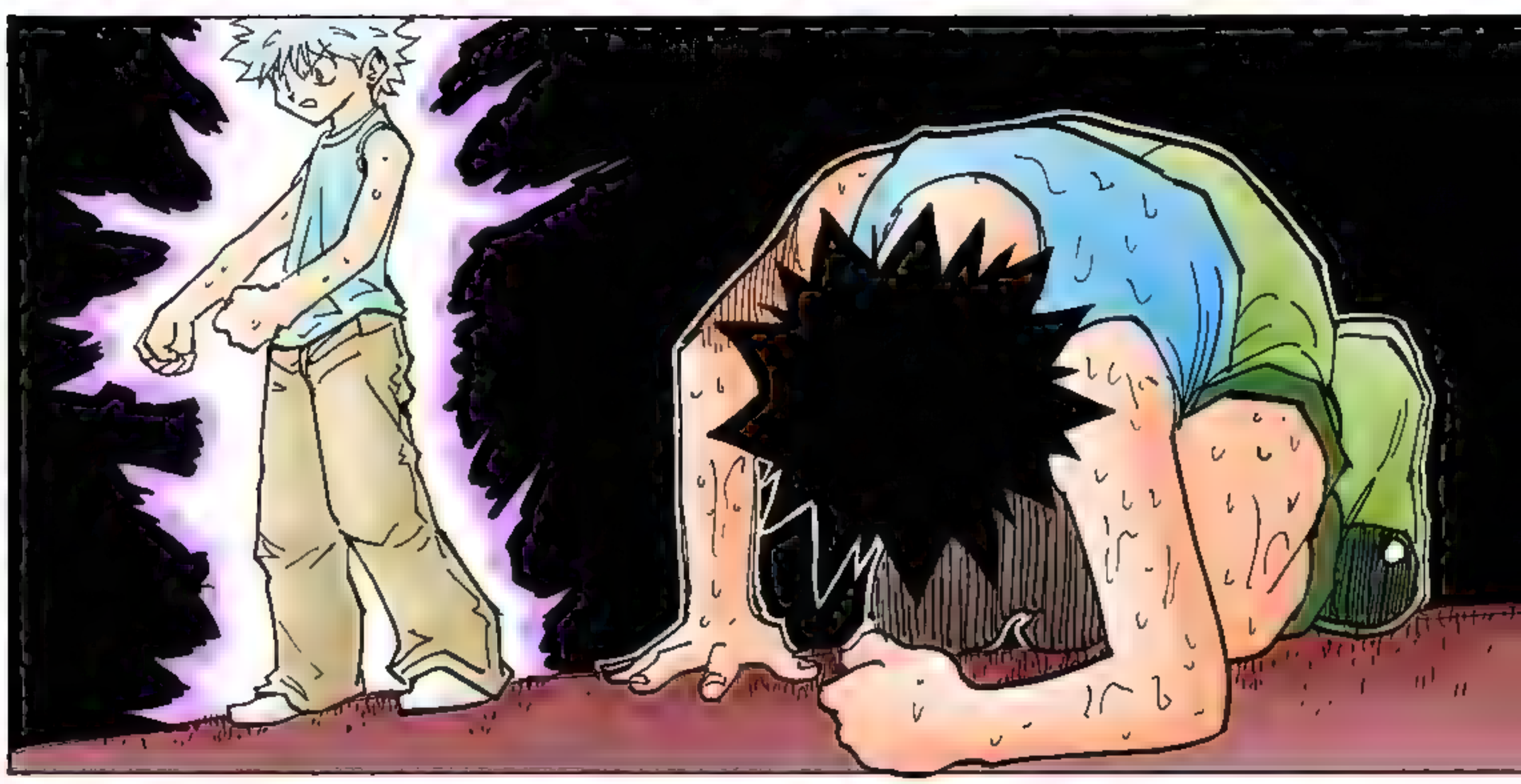

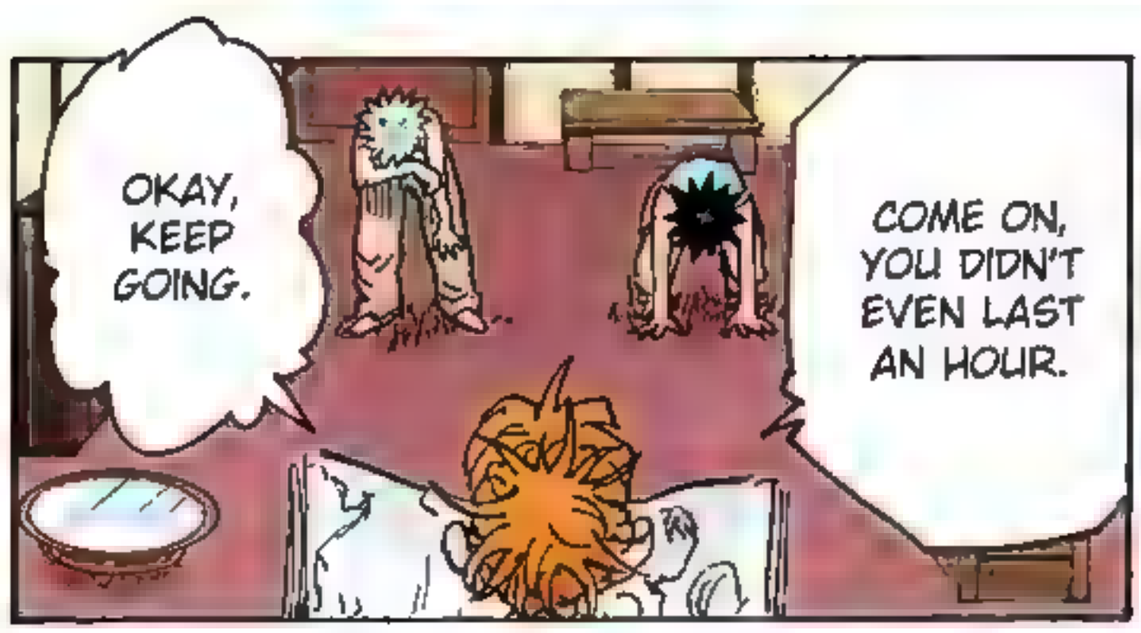
OKAY, KEEP GOING.
COME ON, YOU DIDN'T EVEN LAST AN HOUR.

UGH ...

WE CAN'T SPARE ANY TIME FOR SLEEP.
THEY SAY IT TAKES A MONTH TO PROLONG YOUR "REN" BY TEN MINUTES.

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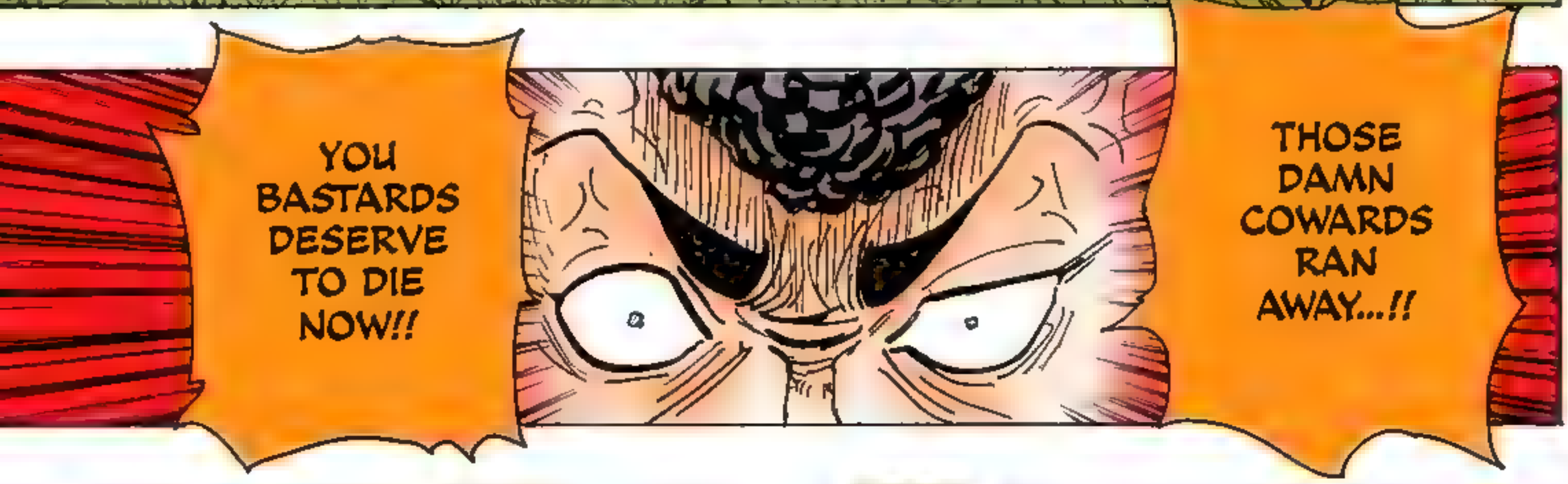
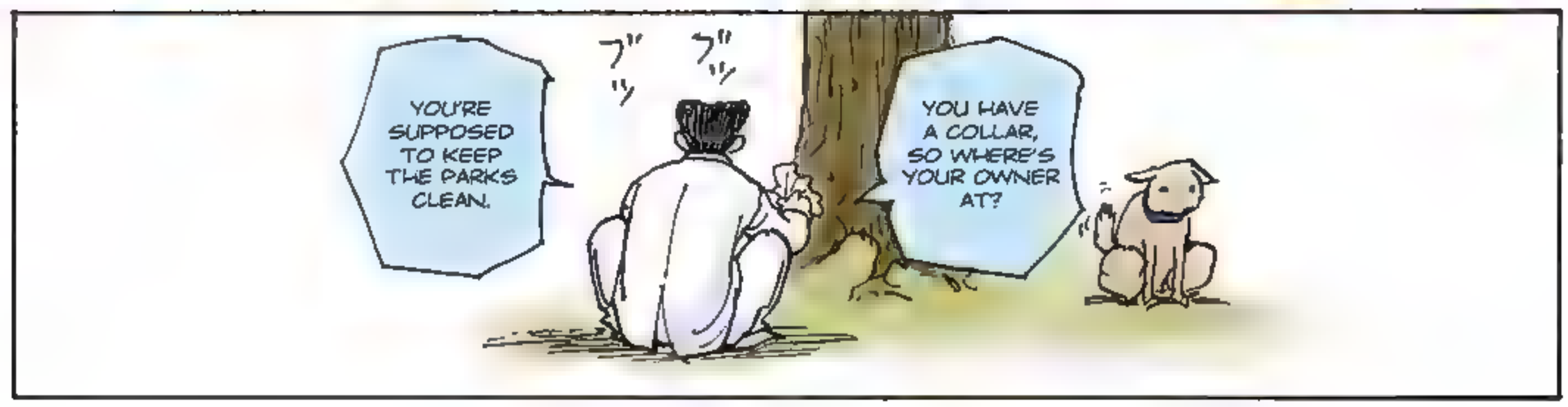

YOU BASTARDS DESERVE TO DIE NOW!!
THOSE DAMN COWARDS RAN AWAY...!!


YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO KEEP THE PARKS CLEAN.
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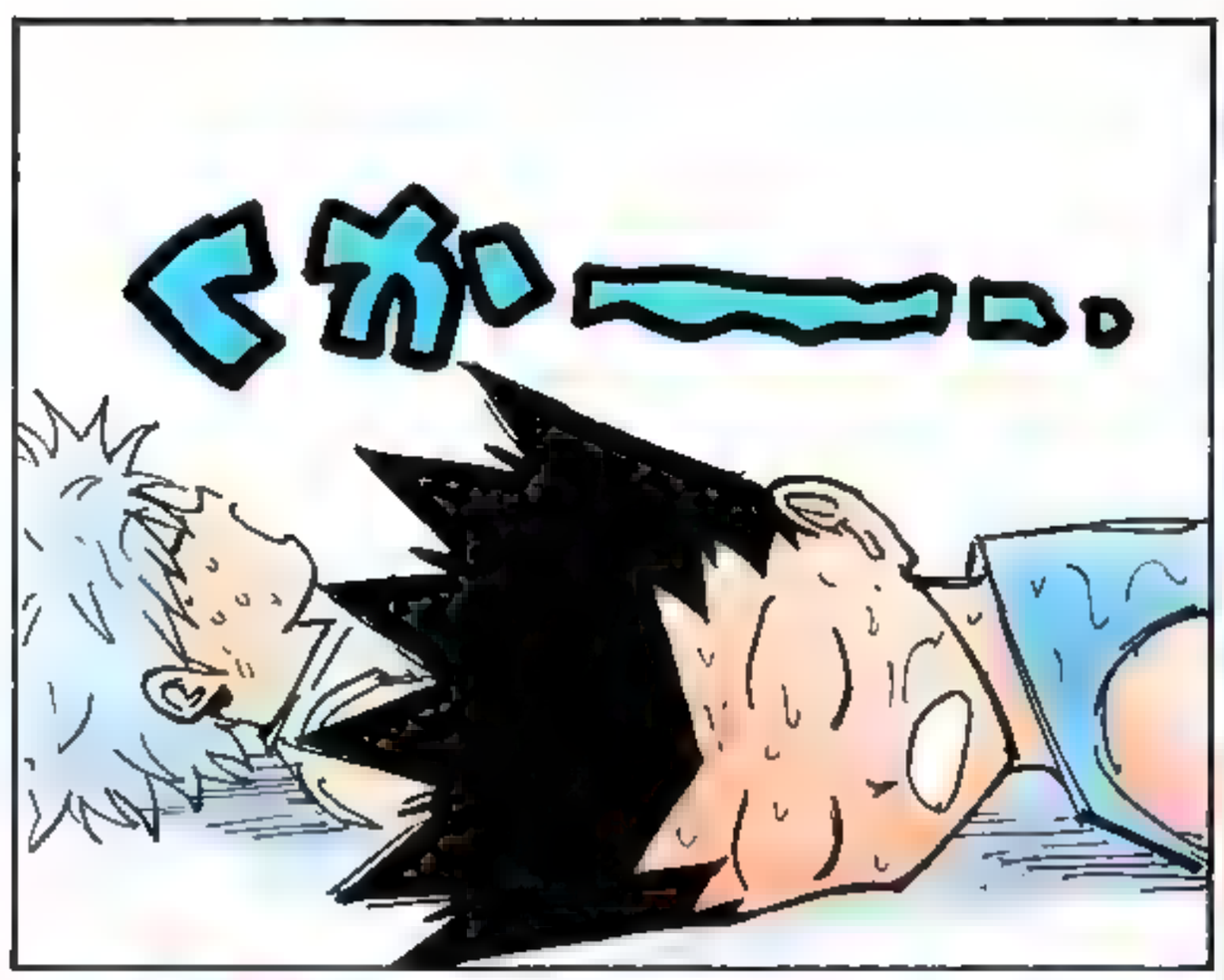
YOU HAVE A COLLAR, SO WHERE'S YOUR OWNER AT?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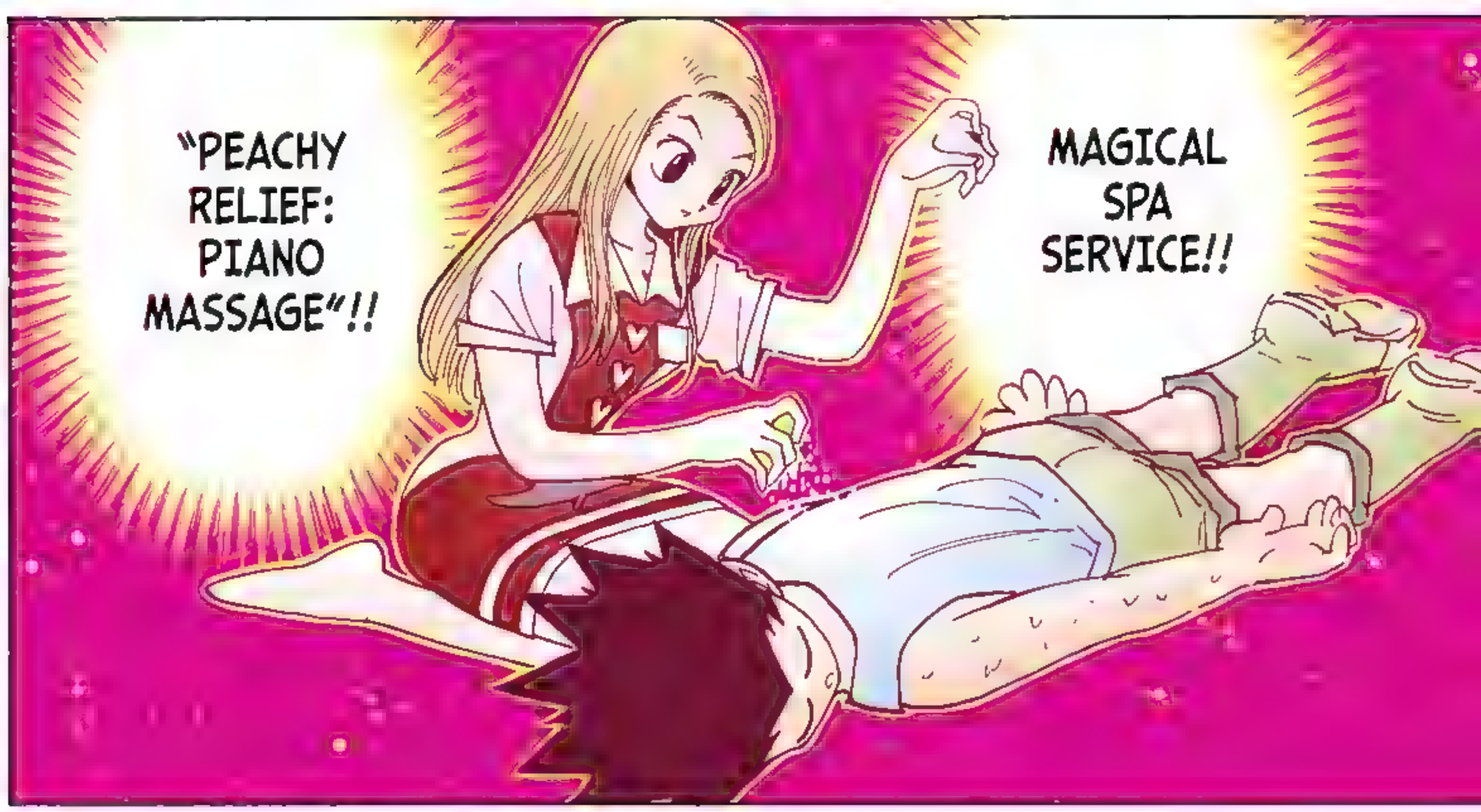
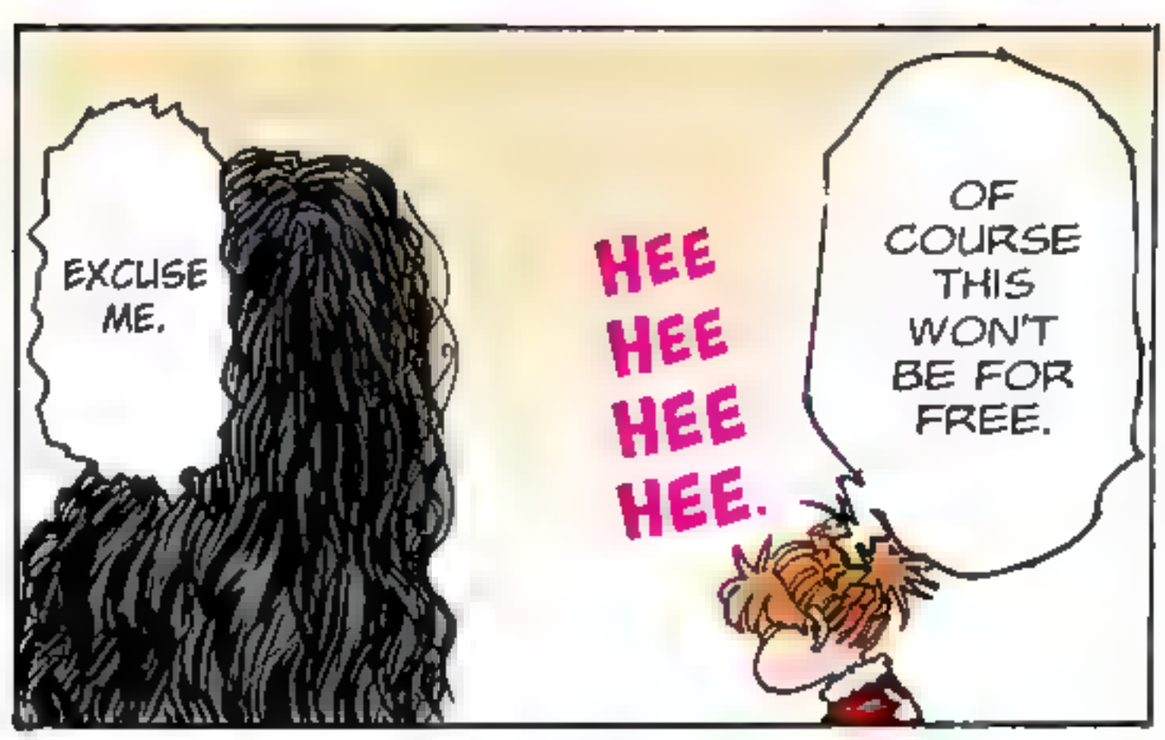
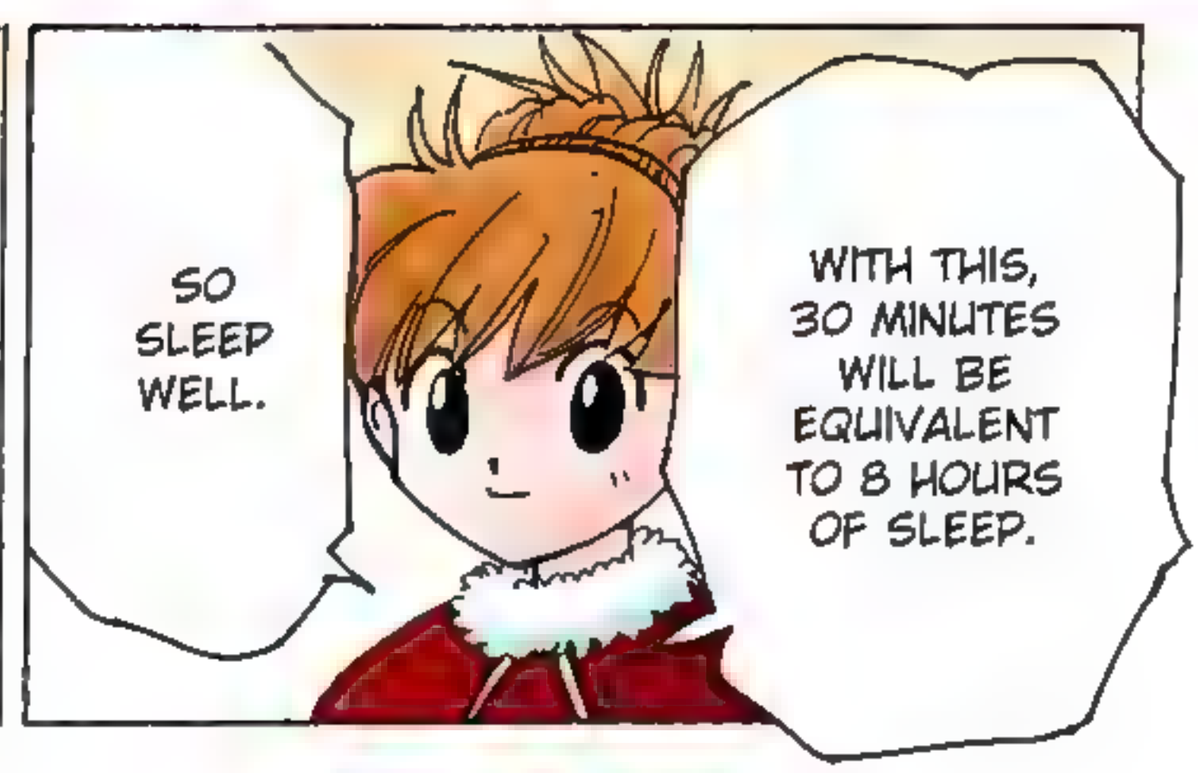
TOMORROW WE BEGIN IN 30 MINUTES!!
OKAY, YOU CAN REST FOR TODAY!!


"PEACHY RELIEF: PIANO MASSAGE"!!
MAGICAL SPA SERVICE!!


EXCUSE ME.
HEE HEE HEE HEE.
OF COURSE THIS WON'T BE FOR FREE.


SO SLEEP WELL.
WITH THIS, 30 MINUTES WILL BE EQUIVALENT TO 8 HOURS OF SLEEP.

MY ABILITY DID CHOOSE YOU AS THE ANSWER I SEEK, AFTER ALL.

BUT I'LL LET YOU DECIDE HOW TO TRAIN THEM.

I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE.

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I... I DOUBT I'LL BE ABLE TO RESTRAIN MYSELF.

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HOWEVER... IF THOSE TWO CANNOT DEFEAT MOREL'S PUPILS AFTER ONE MONTH...

I MAY END UP KILLING YOU ALL...

IF I MUST WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT AND THEN NOT GET TO GO...

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HONESTLY, I WANT TO GO NOW...!!

I ABSOLUTELY MUST GO TO THE NGL...

I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU...

NO, JUST A WARNING.

WAS THAT A THREAT?

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ONCE THEY'RE AWAKE, YOU TELL THEM.

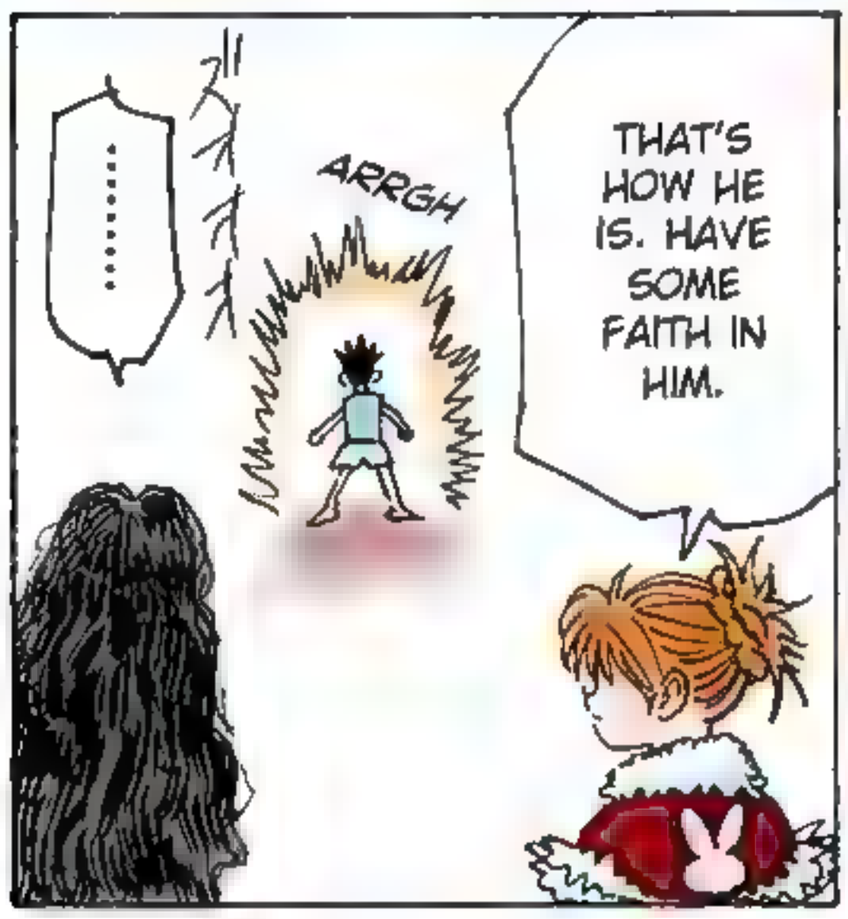
I'M NOT THE ONE YOU SHOULD BE TELLING THAT TO.

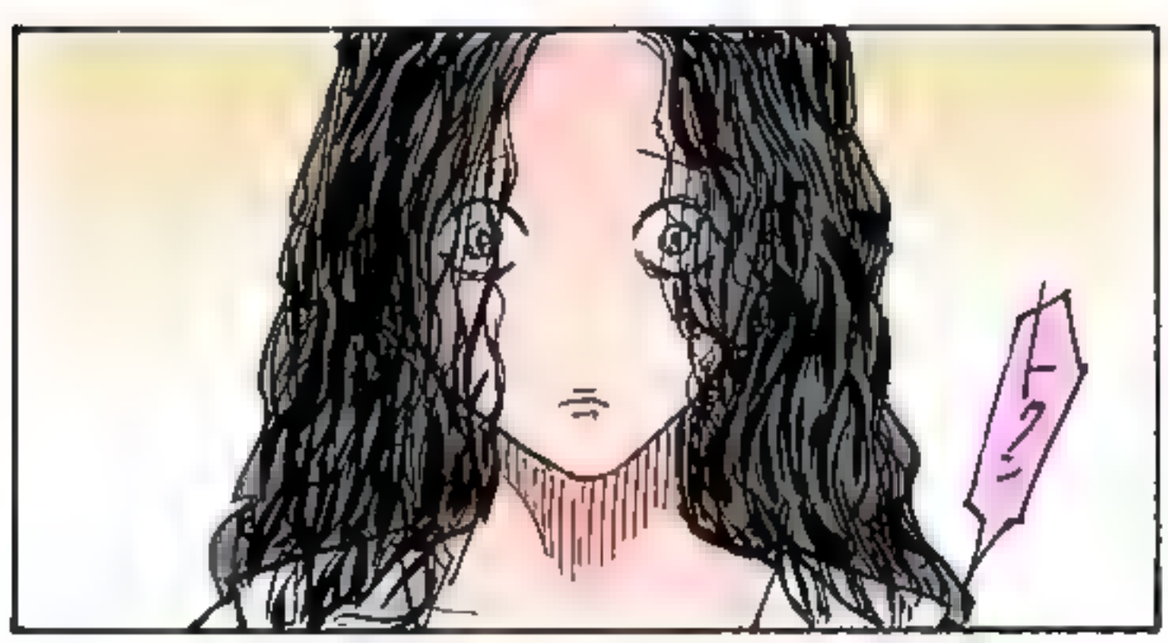
MY ANGER WON'T BE AS TERRIBLE THEN BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE.

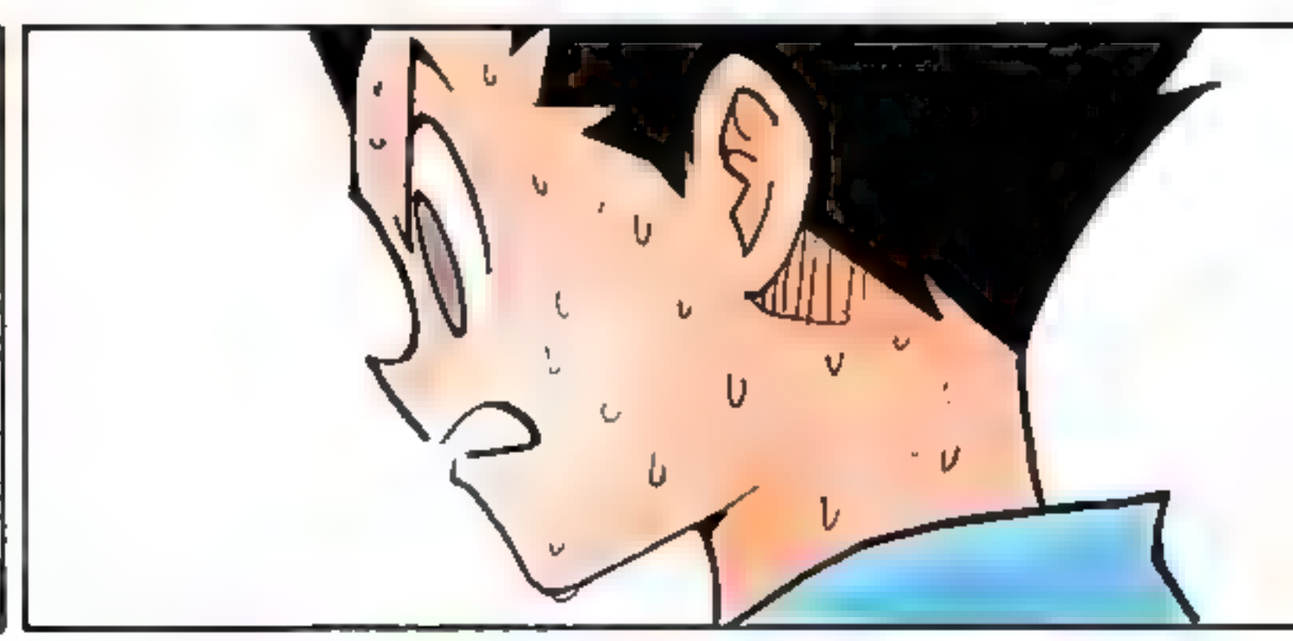
SO IF YOU THINK THEY HAVE NO CHANCE, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU GIVE UP SOONER, RATHER THAN LATER...

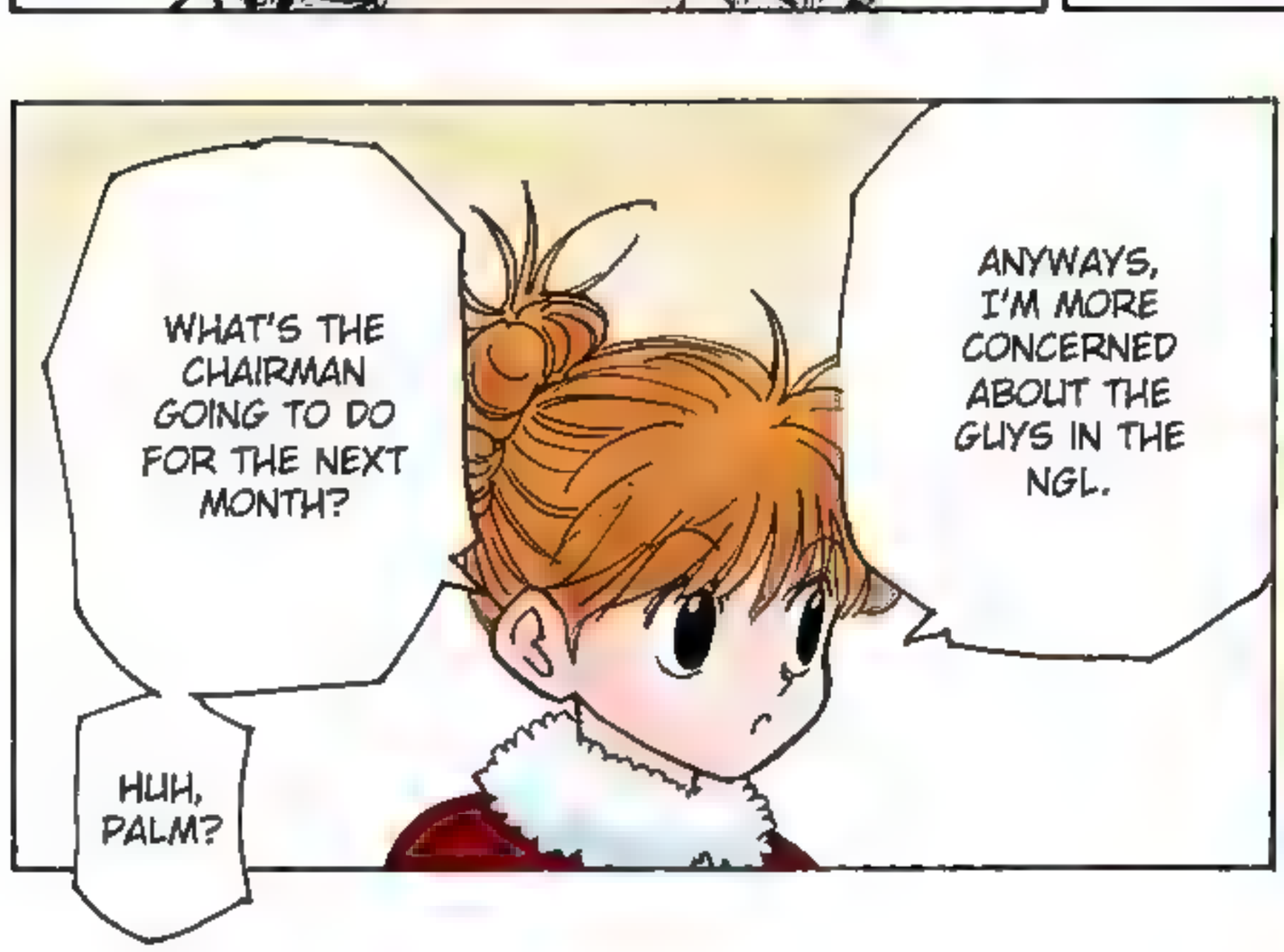
YOU CAN COUNT ON US TO GET YOU TO THE NGL!!

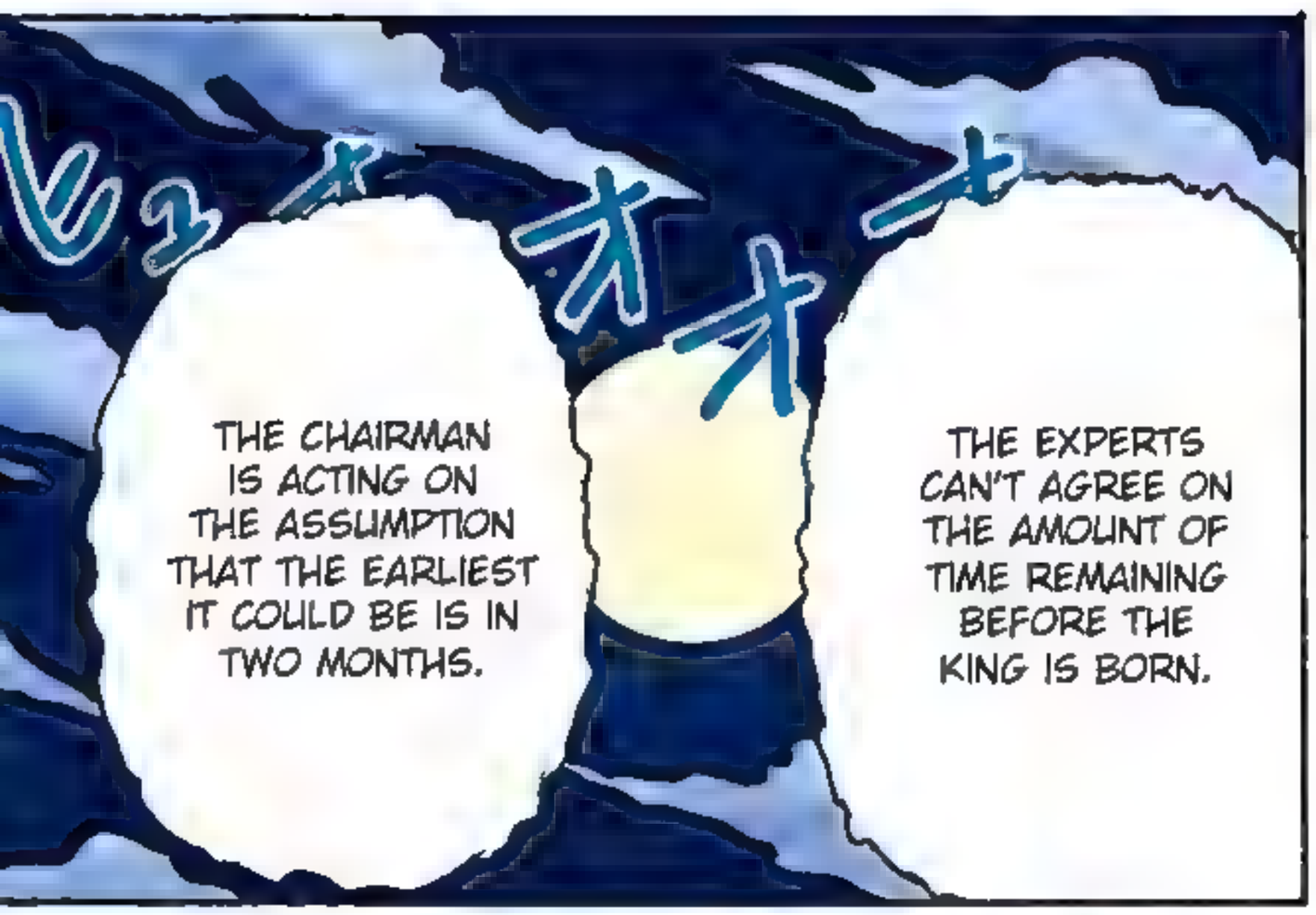
DON'T WORRY, WE'VE GOT THIS!!

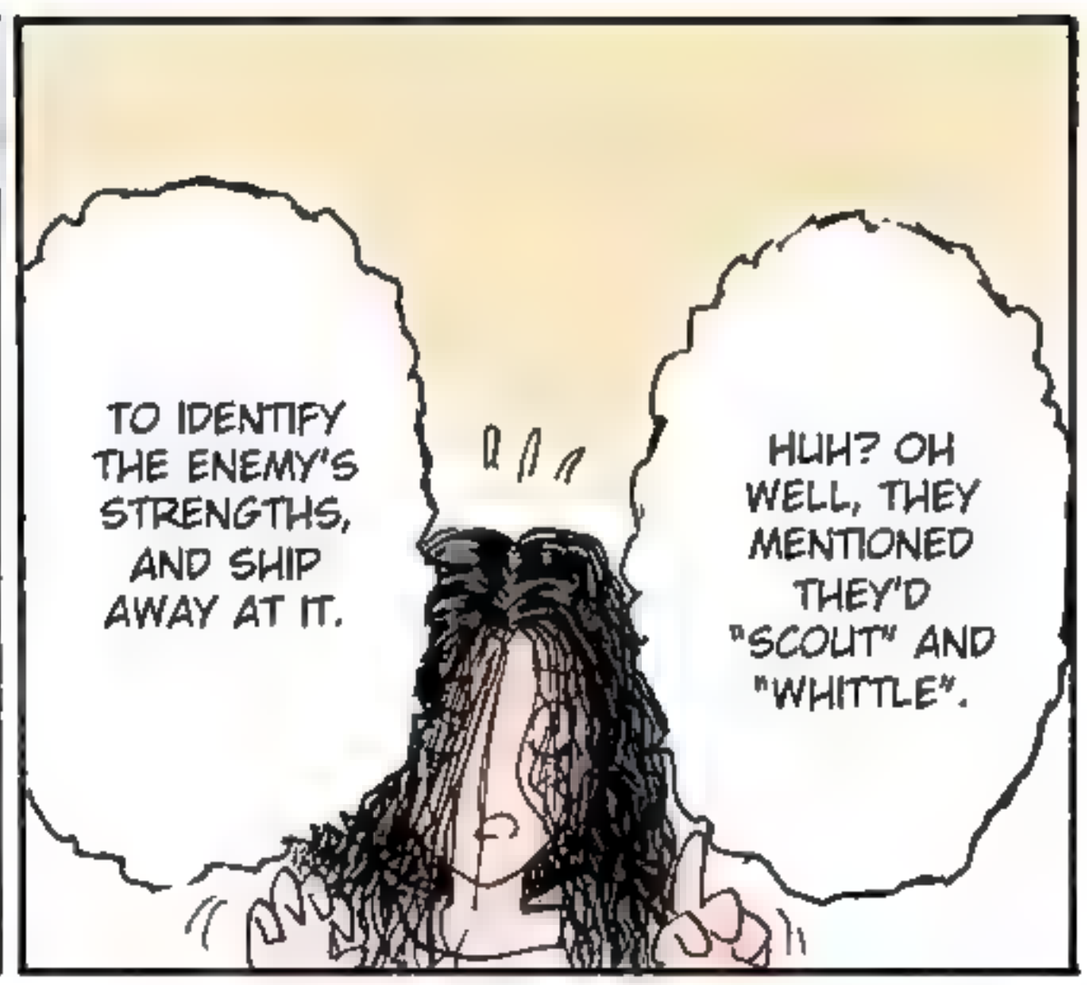









THE CHAIRMAN IS ACTING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE EARLIEST IT COULD BE IS IN TWO MONTHS.
THE EXPERTS CAN'T AGREE ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE KING IS BORN.


TO IDENTIFY THE ENEMY'S STRENGTHS, AND SHIP AWAY AT IT.
HUH? OH WELL, THEY MENTIONED THEY'D "SCOUT" AND "WHITTLE".

THIS ISN'T GOOD.
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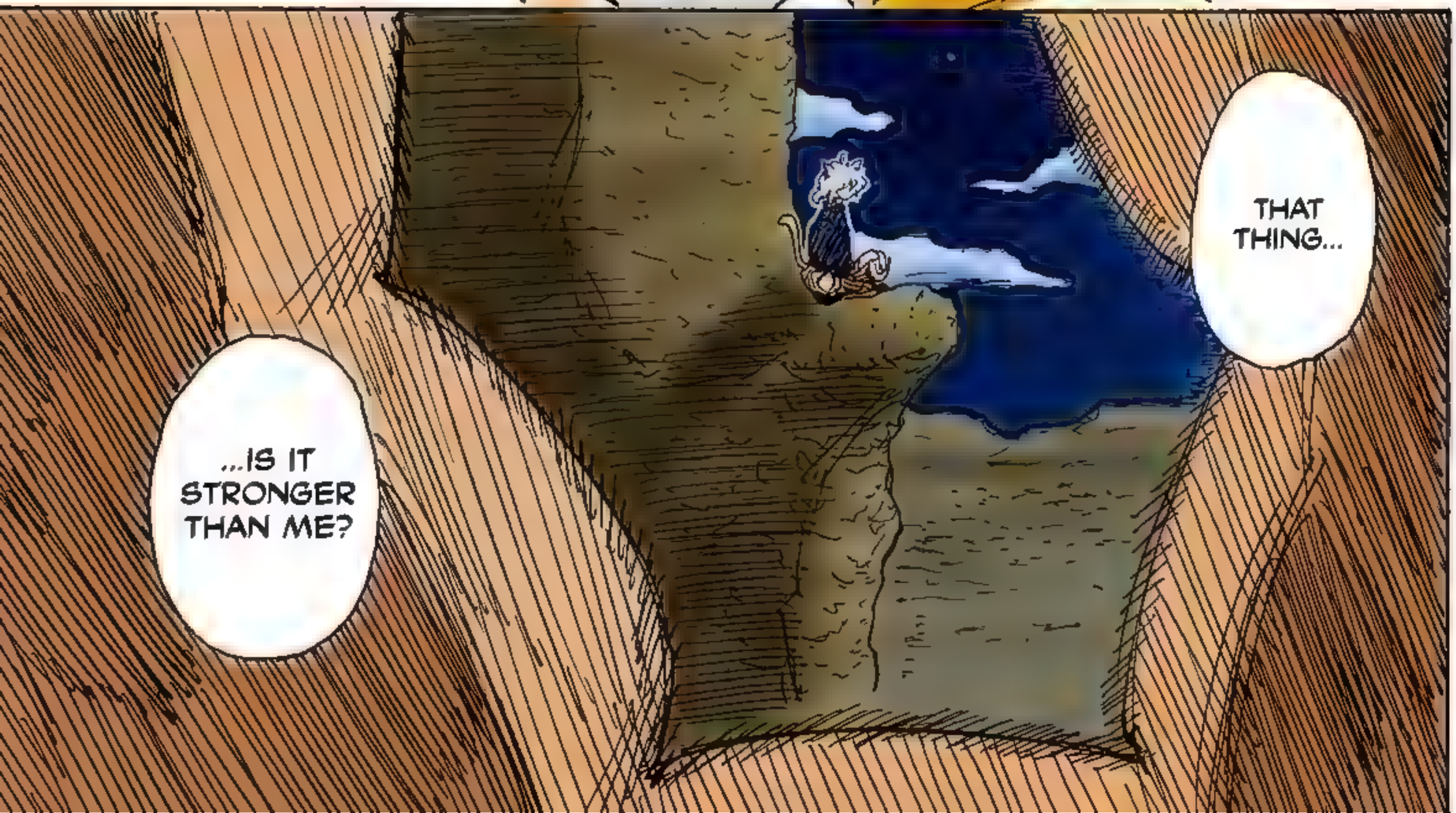
...IS IT STRONGER THAN ME?
THAT THING...

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IF THAT'S TRUE, NO HUNTER IN THE WORLD WILL BE ABLE TO FIGHT IT.

STRONGER THAN YOU, CHAIRMAN? SURELY YOU'RE JOKING.

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NOW, I'M MORE OR LESS EVEN WITH YOU GUYS.

IT'S BEEN MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY SINCE I WAS THE STRONGEST AMONG NEN USERS.

BUT WE STILL HAVE TO FIGHT, RIGHT?

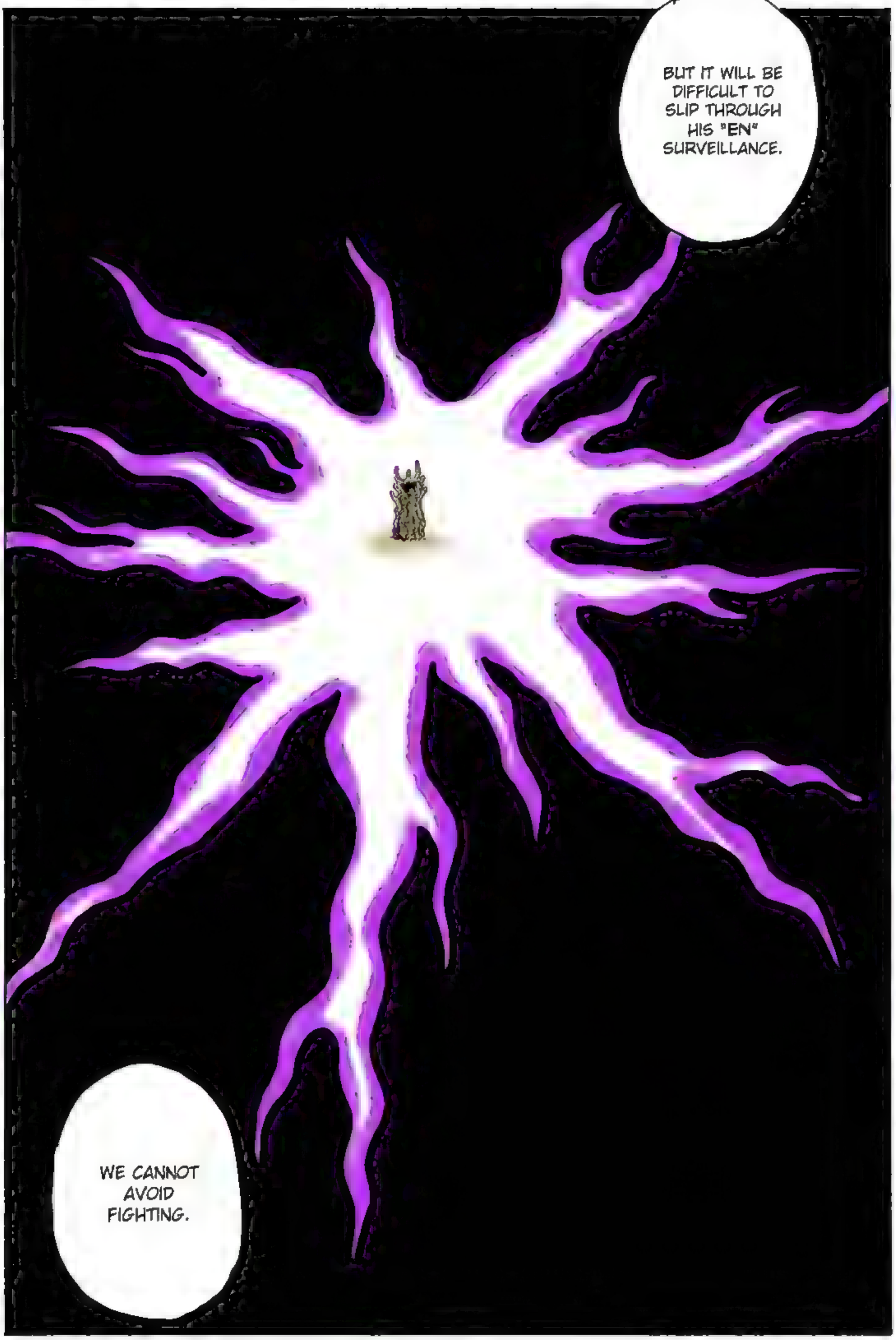
YOU ALWAYS HAVE A QUIP...

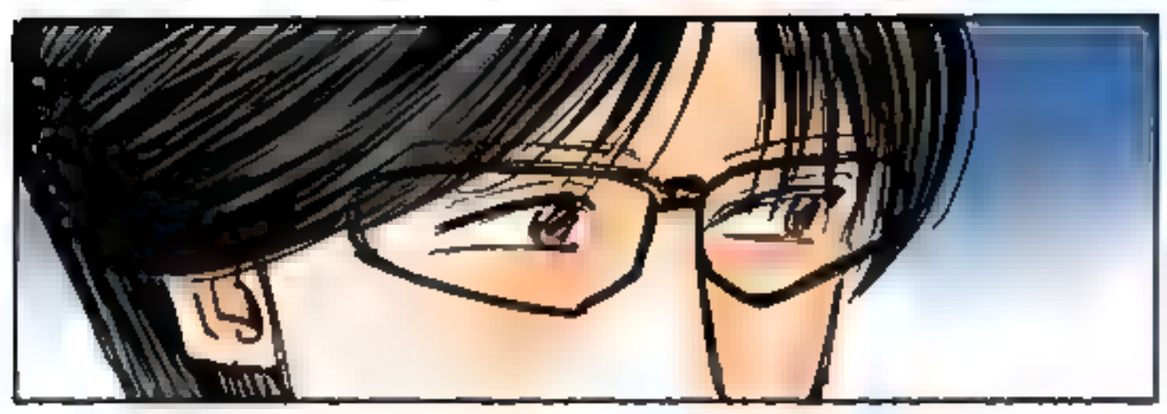
EVEN WHEN I'M AT LESS THAN HALF MY FORMER STRENGTH? GROWING OLD SUCKS.

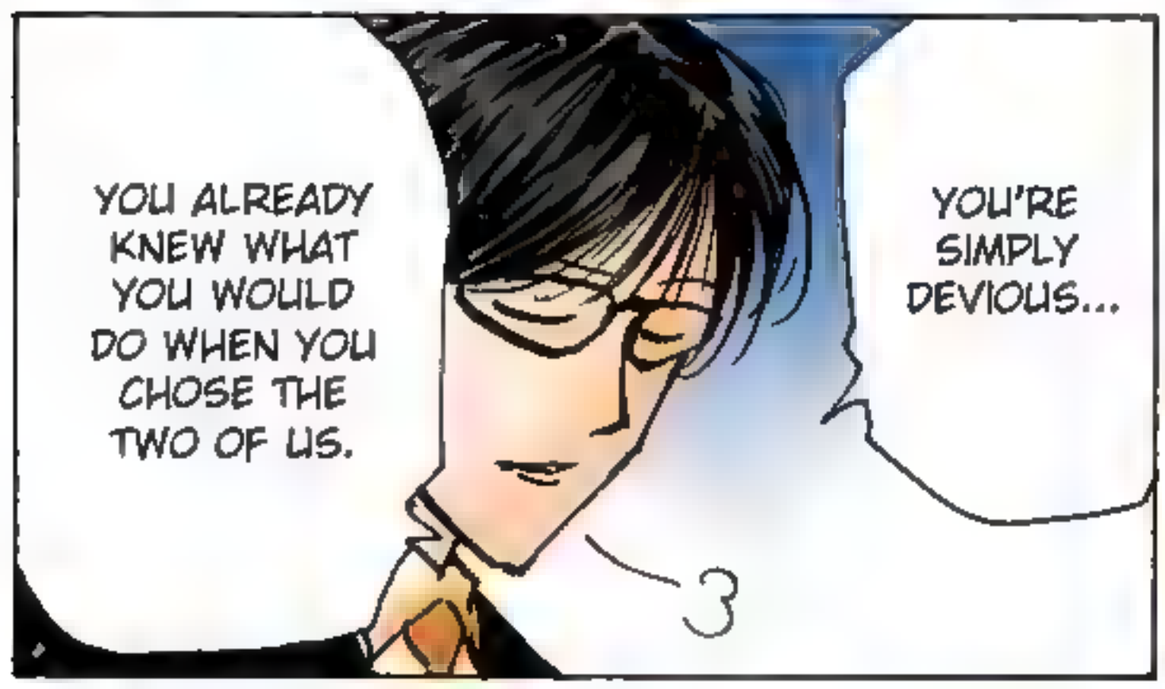
THEN YOU'RE MORE THAN STRONG ENOUGH. YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE.

OUR TARGET IS THE QUEEN, AND THE QUEEN ALONE.

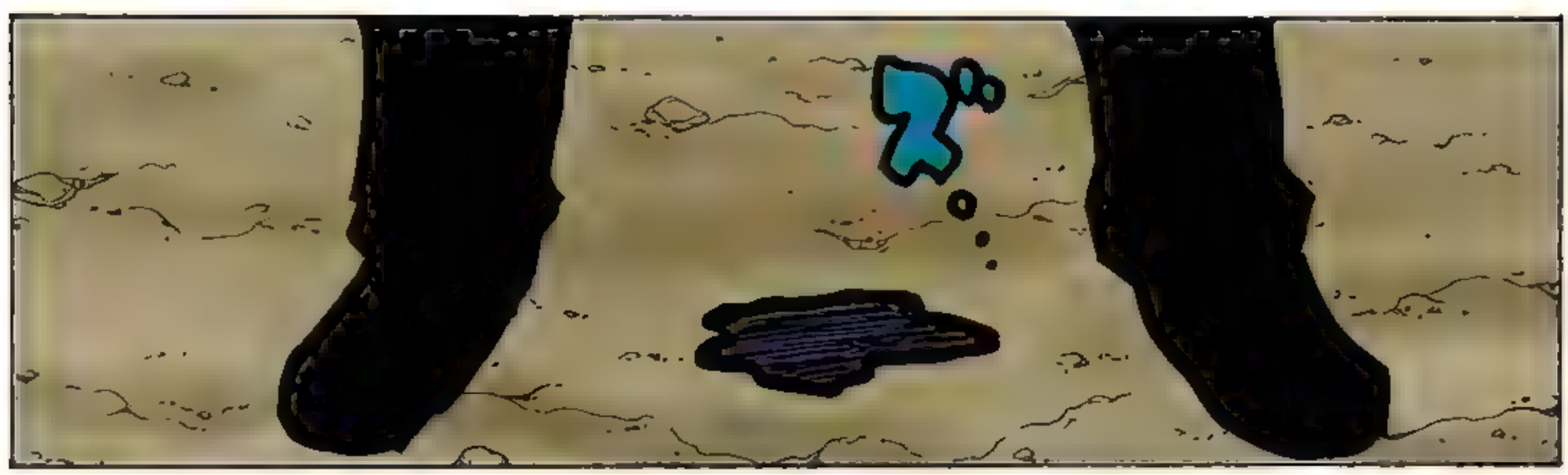
I WOULD PREFER TO AVOID IT. IF THERE WERE A SOLUTION THAT WOULD AVOID FIGHTING, I'D CHOOSE IT.


BUT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SLIP THROUGH HIS "EN" SURVEILLANCE.
WE CANNOT AVOID FIGHTING.

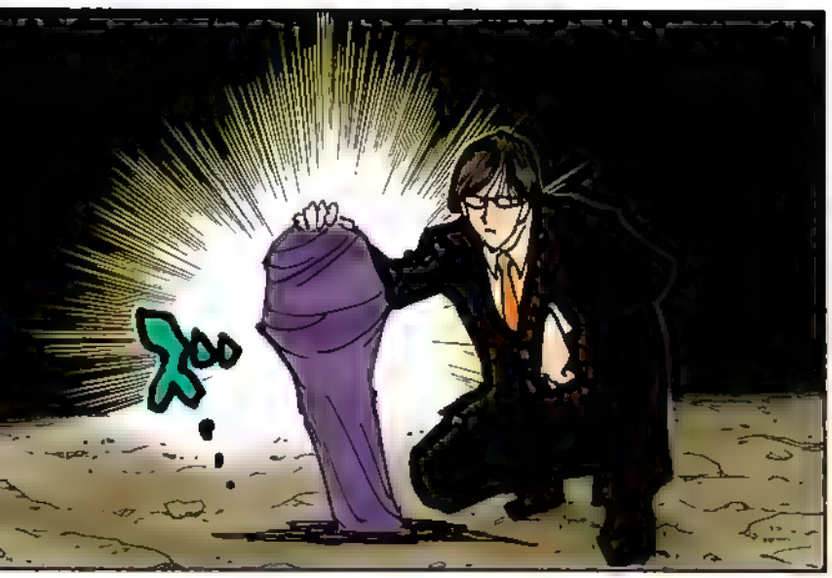



YOU ALREADY KNEW WHAT YOU WOULD DO WHEN YOU CHOSE THE TWO OF US.
YOU'RE SIMPLY DEVIOUS...

IF ANYONE HAS ANY BRILLIANT IDEAS, I'D LIKE TO HEAR THEM.
THE QUESTION IS HOW WE'LL MANAGE TO WIN.



SILENTLY, ONE BY ONE.
WE'LL EXTERMINATE THE ANTS...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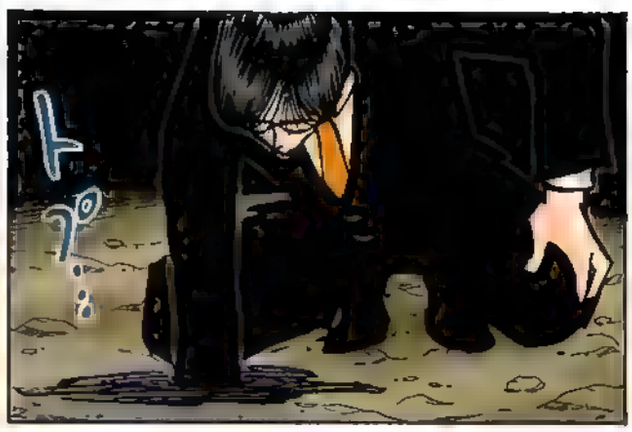
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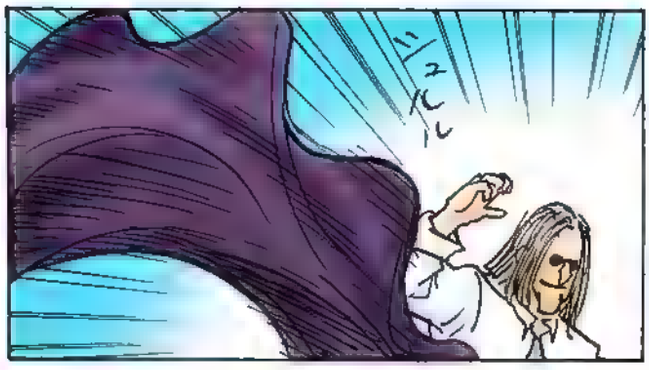
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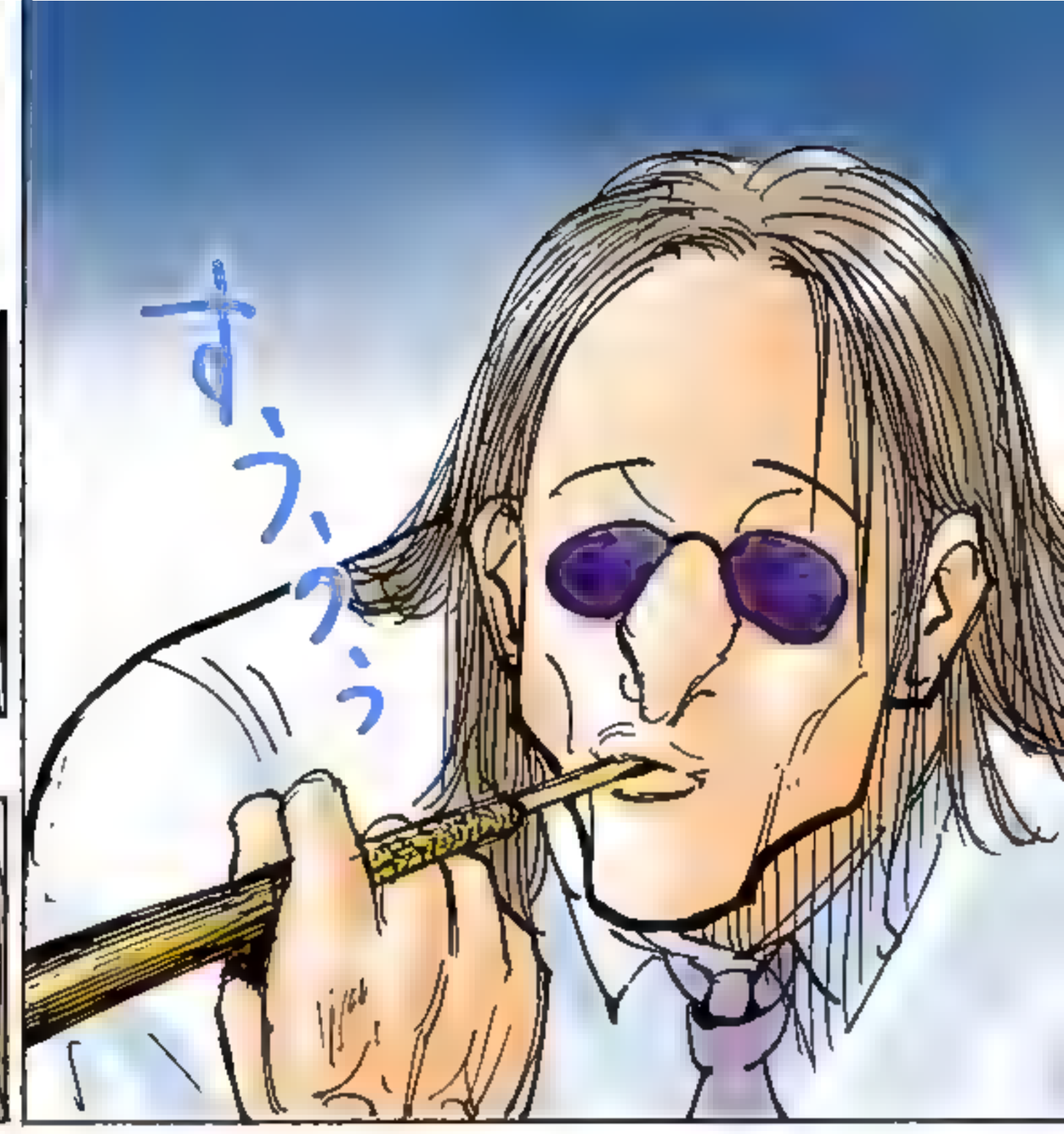
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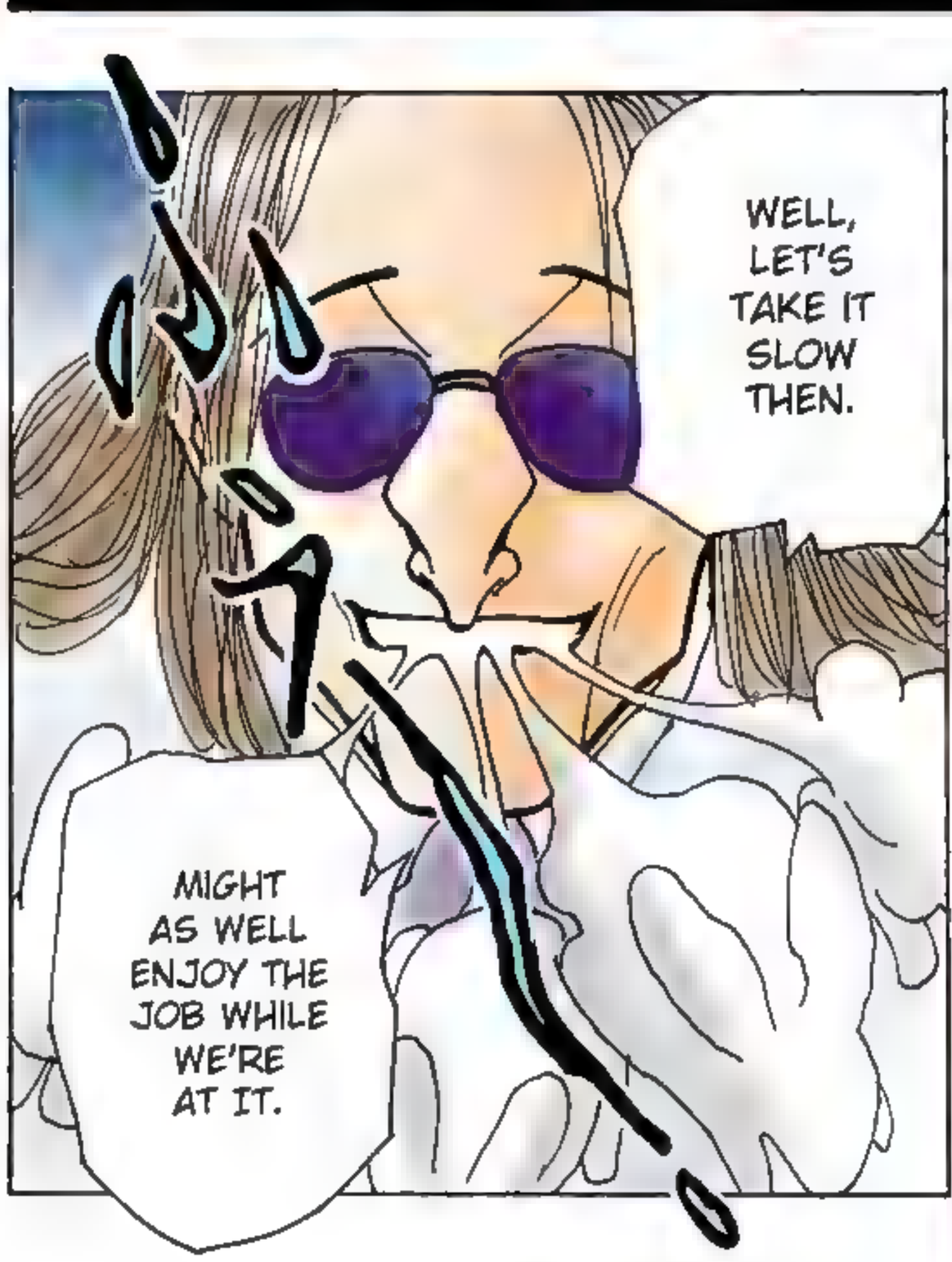
WELL, LET'S TAKE IT SLOW THEN.
MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY THE JOB WHILE WE'RE AT IT.

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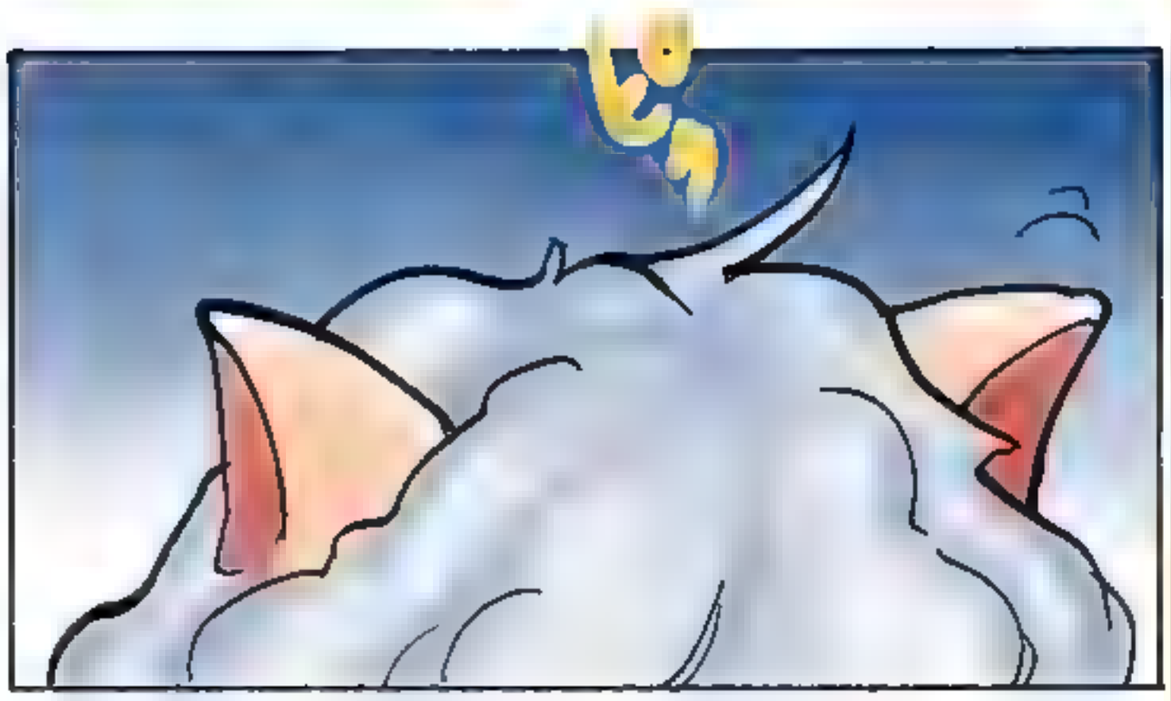
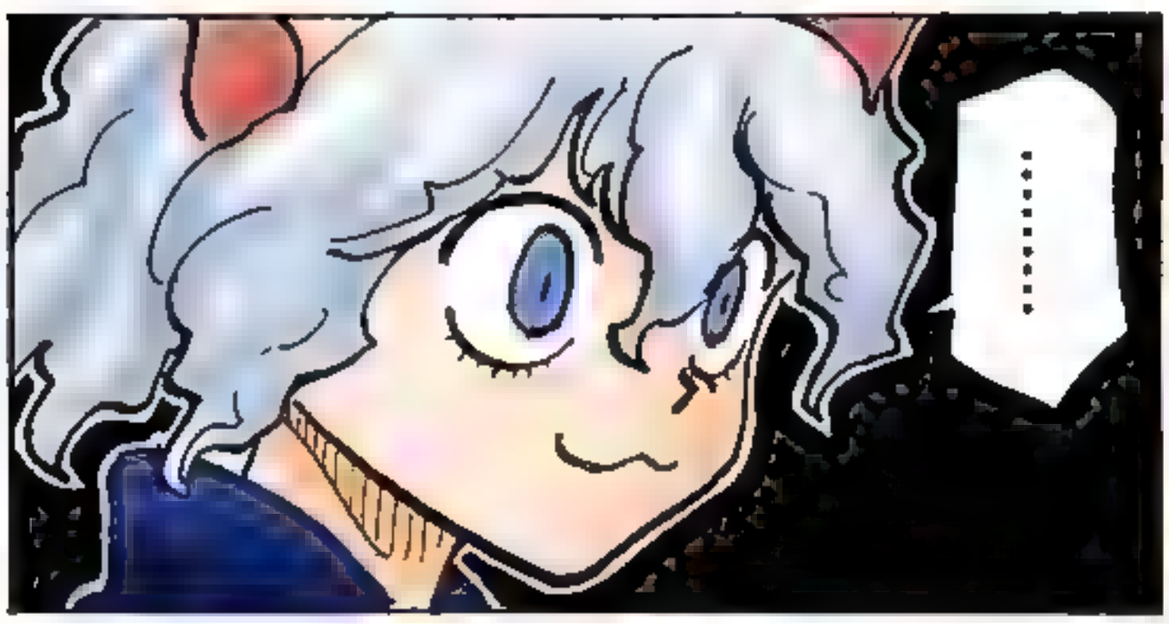
FIRST, WE SHOULD LEARN THE ENEMY'S NUMBER.

OKAY.

GO!

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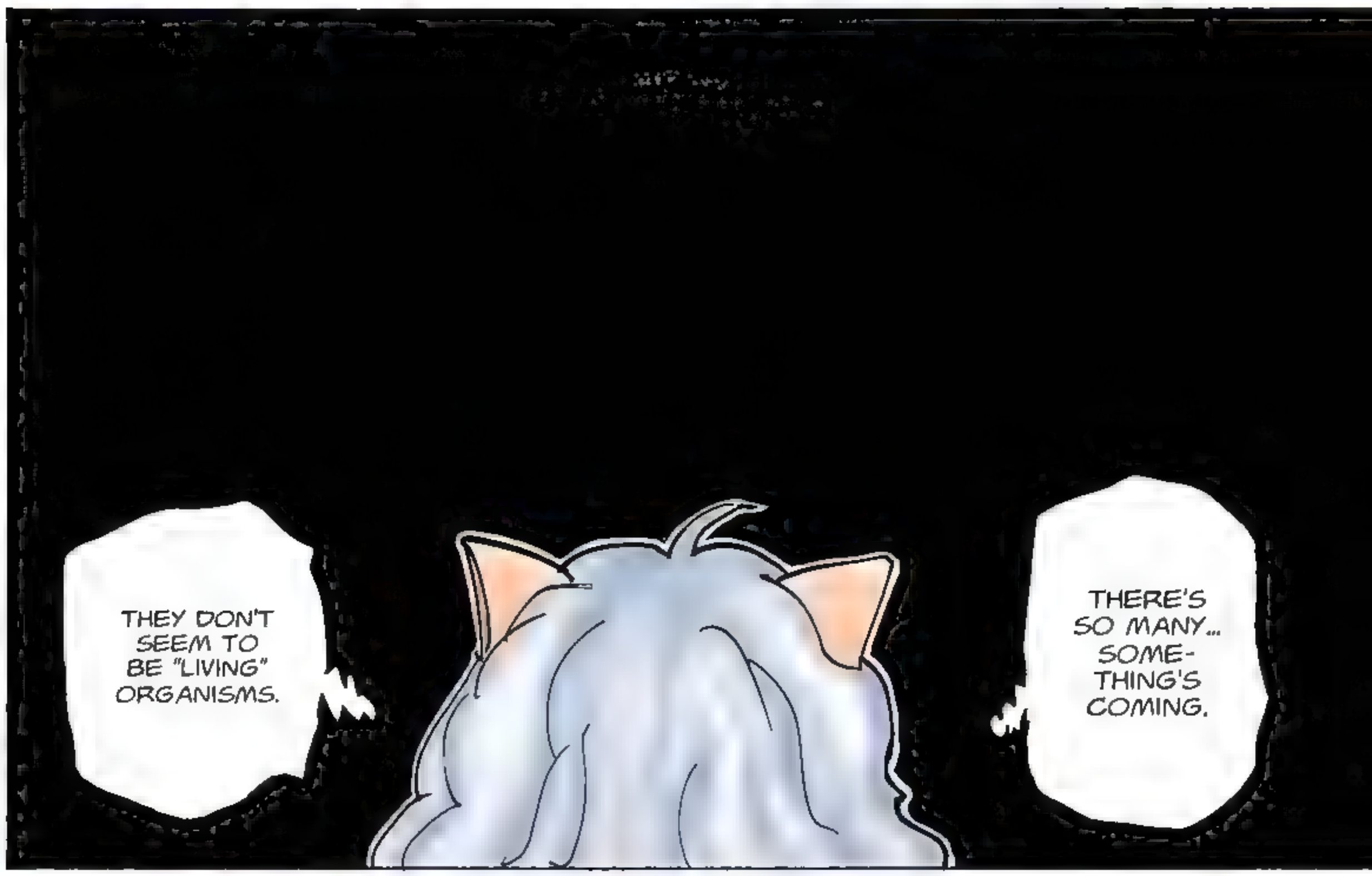
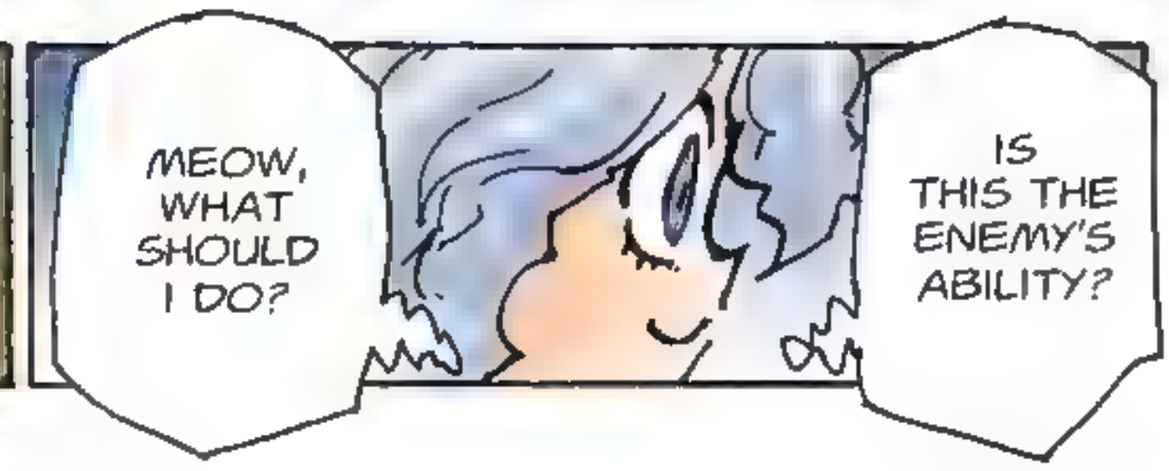
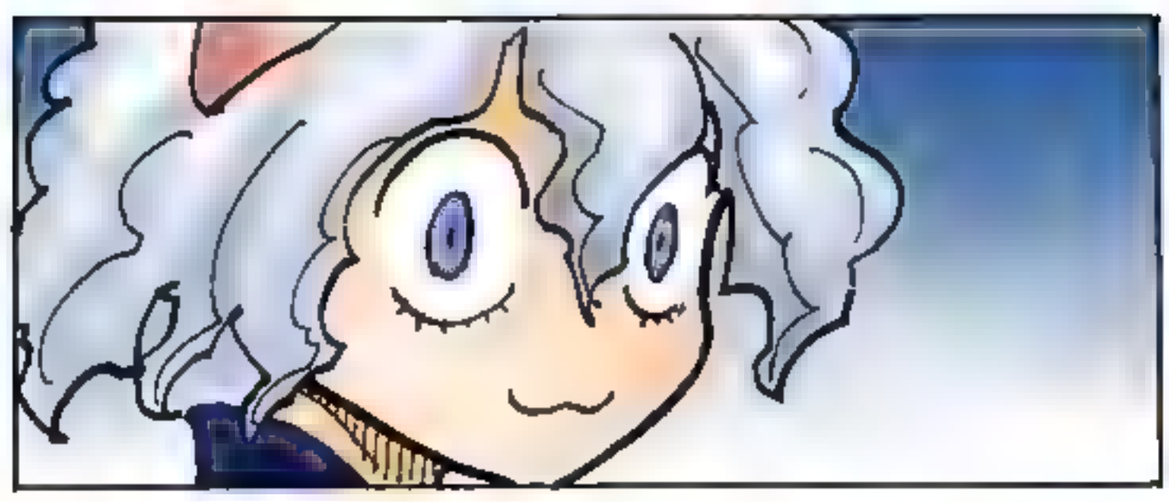
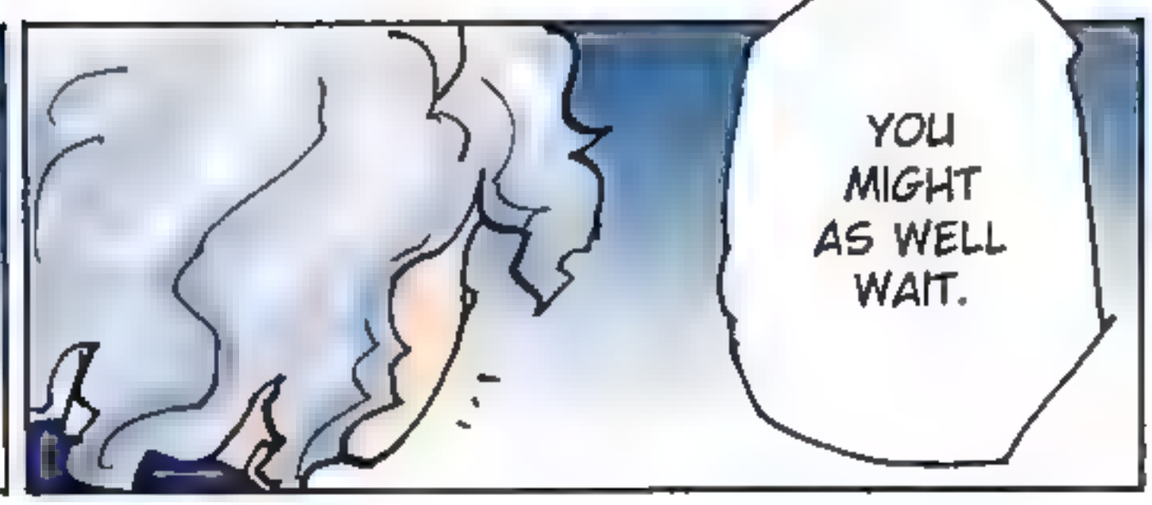
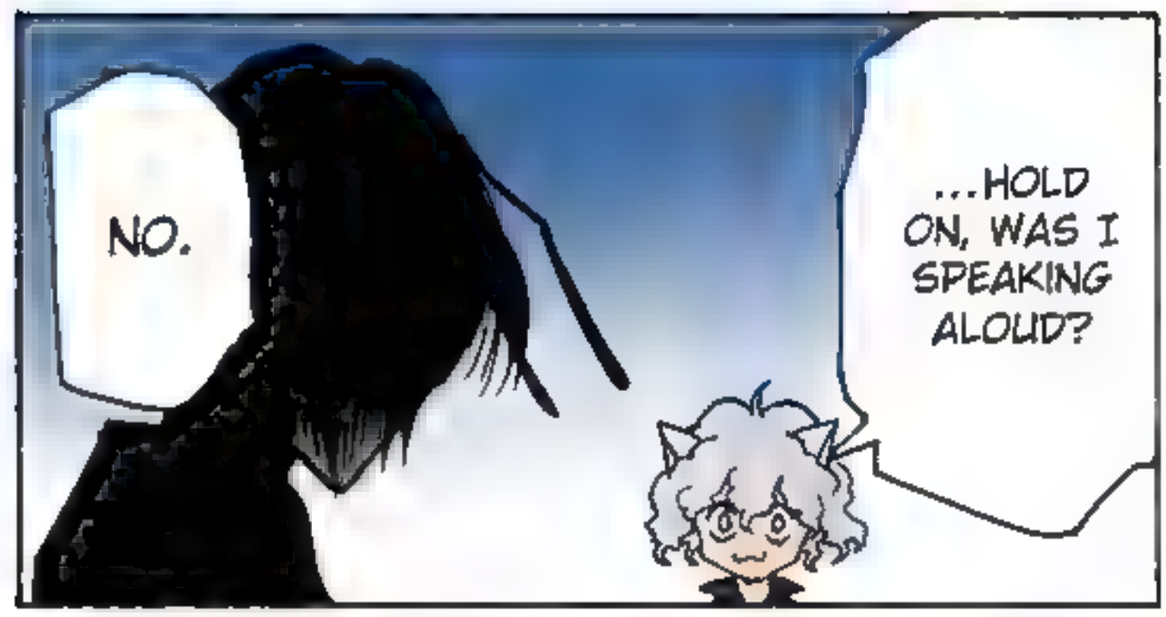

THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE "LIVING" ORGANISMS.
THERE'S SO MANY... SOME-THING'S COMING.


MEOW, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IS THIS THE ENEMY'S ABILITY?



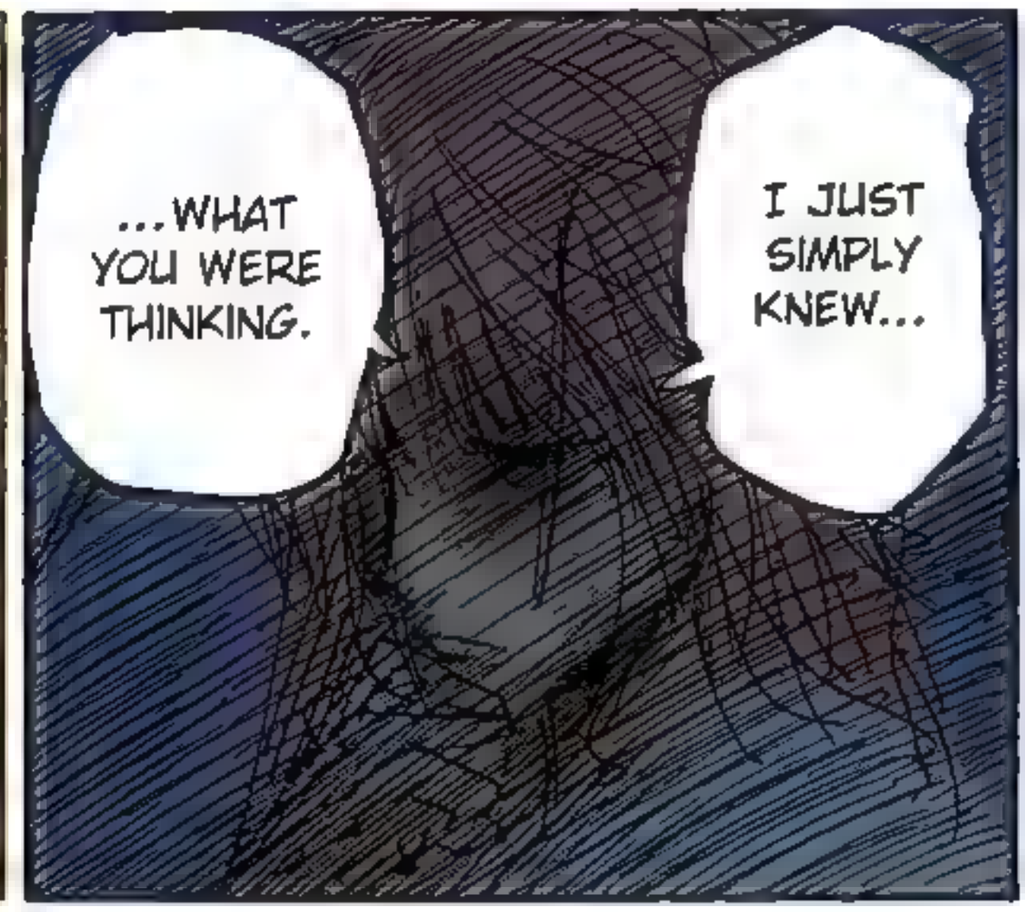

YOU MIGHT AS WELL WAIT.

WE'LL SIMPLY DESTROY THEM.
IF THEY GET THIS FAR..


NO.
...HOLD ON, WAS I SPEAKING ALOUD?

THESE COULD JUST BE DECOYS.
YOU HAVE A POINT.

WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?


...WHAT YOU WERE THINKING.
I JUST SIMPLY KNEW...

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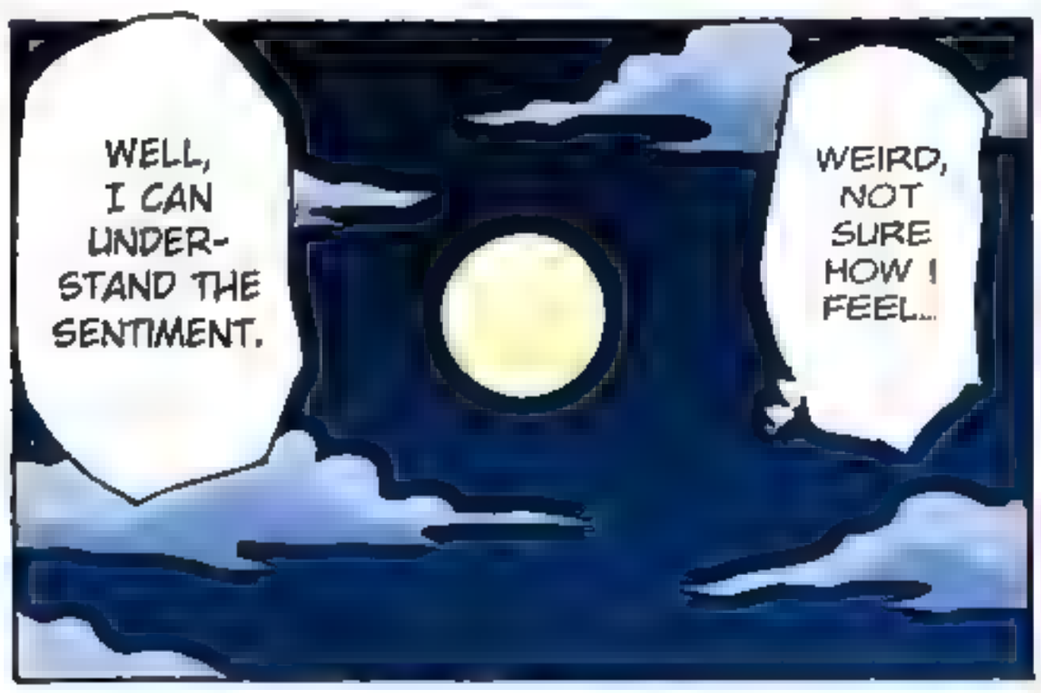
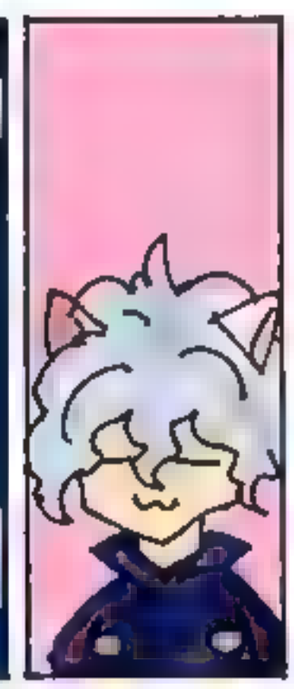
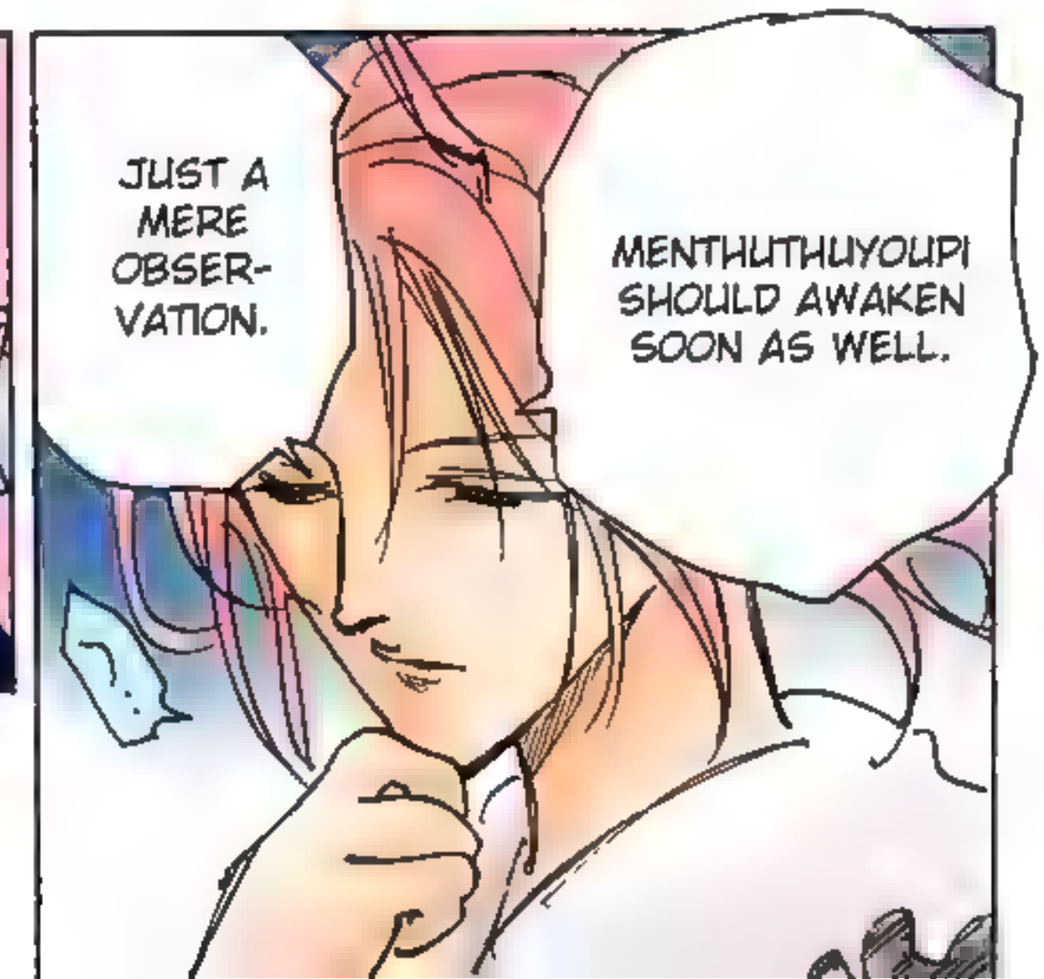
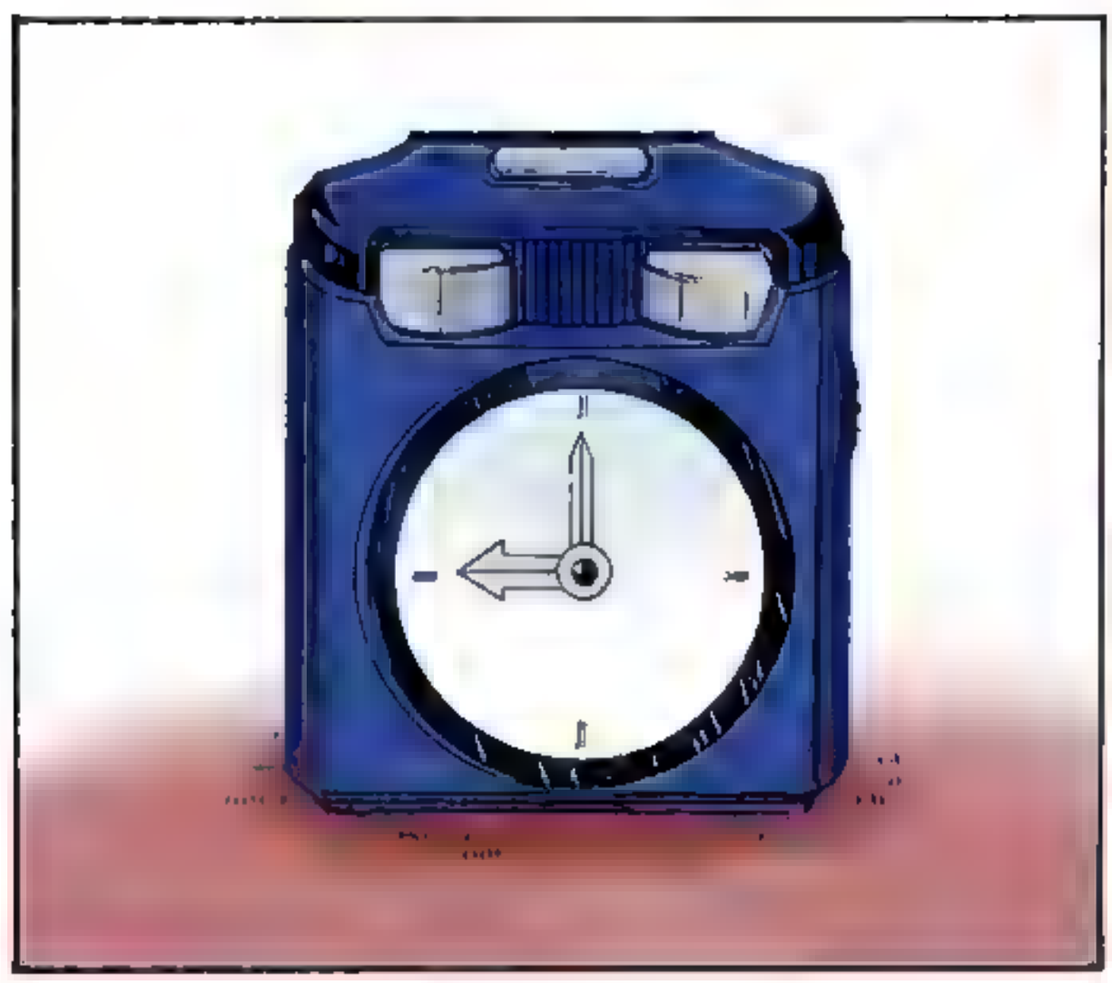
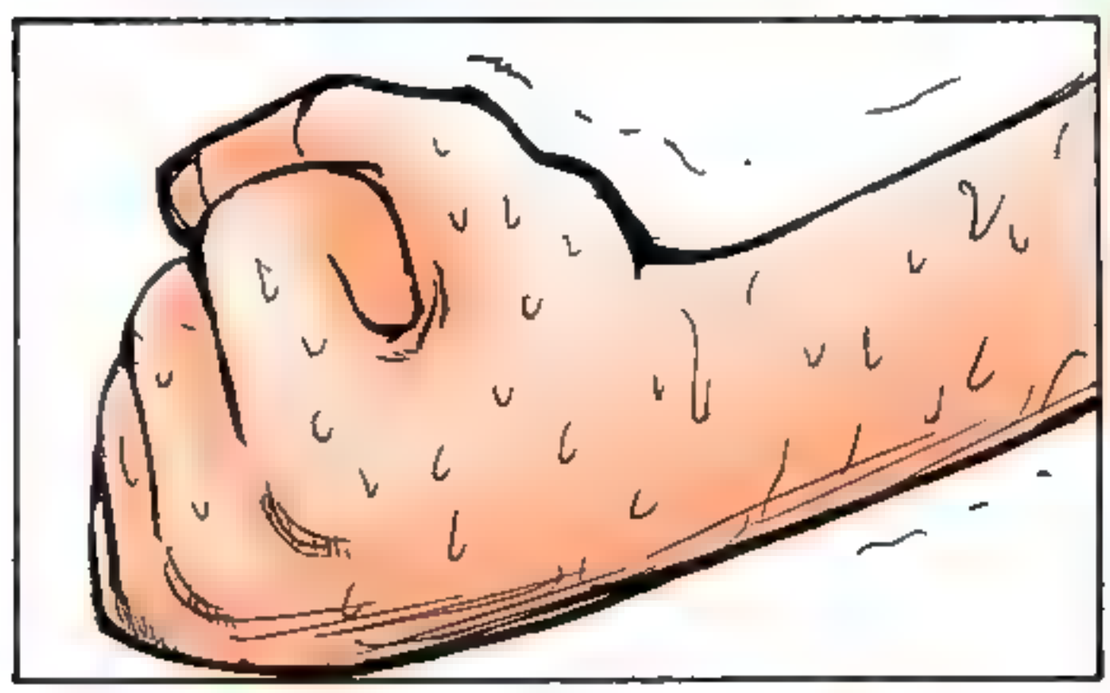
I'M ONE OF THE QUEEN'S ROYAL GUARDS.

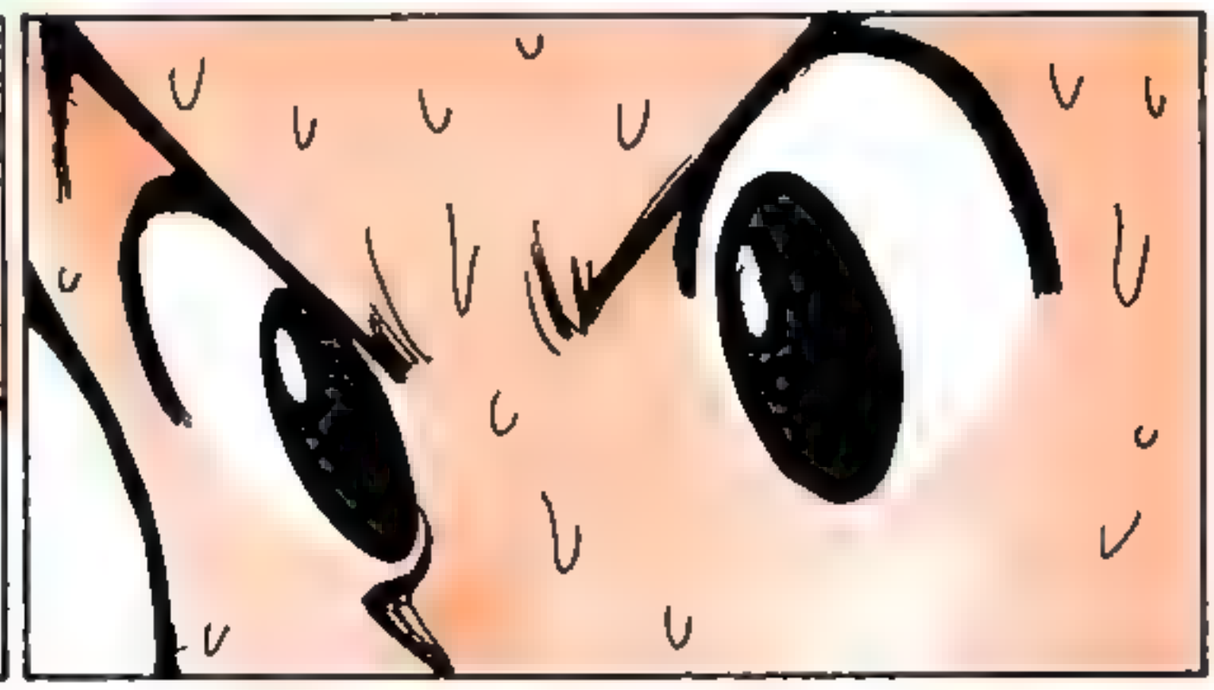


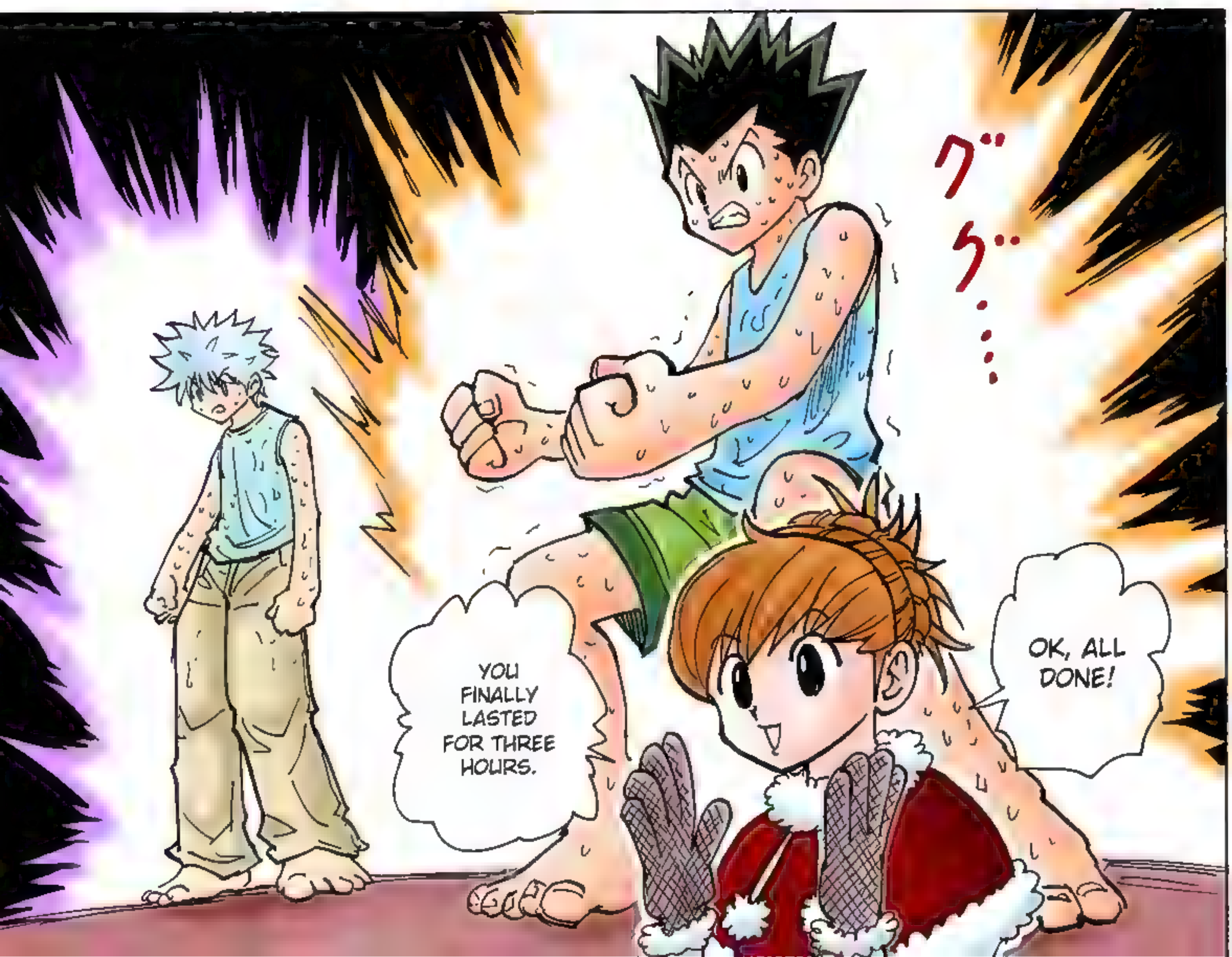








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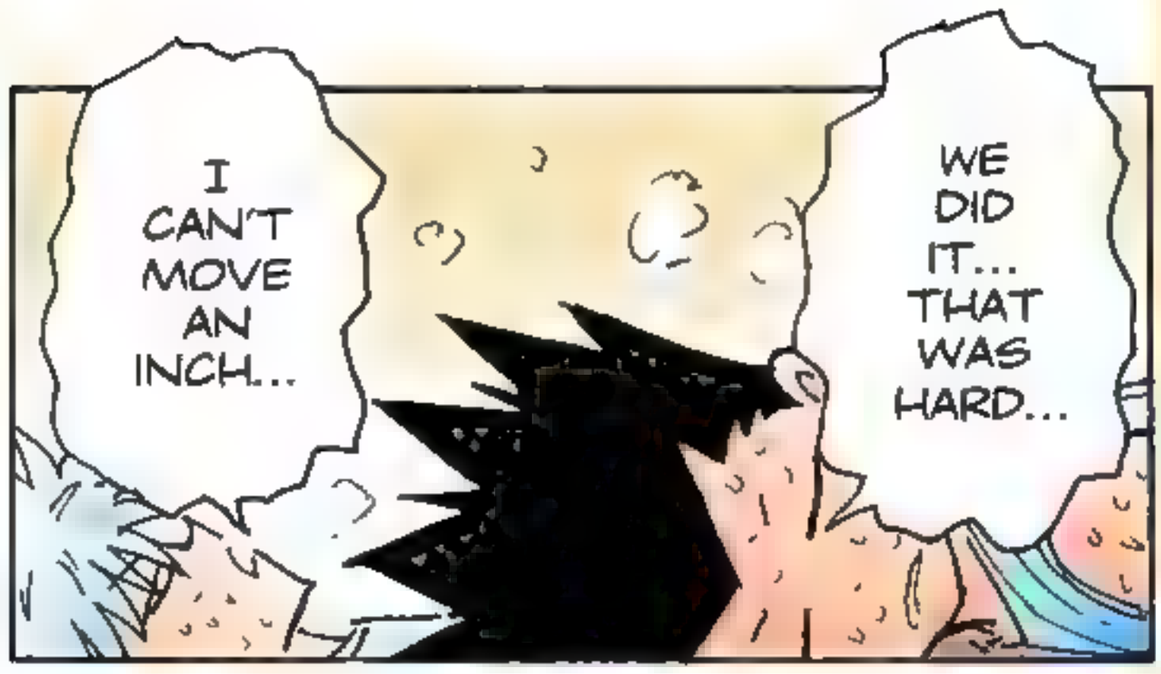
YOU FINALLY LASTED FOR THREE HOURS.
OK, ALL DONE!


I CAN'T MOVE AN INCH...
WE DID IT... THAT WAS HARD...

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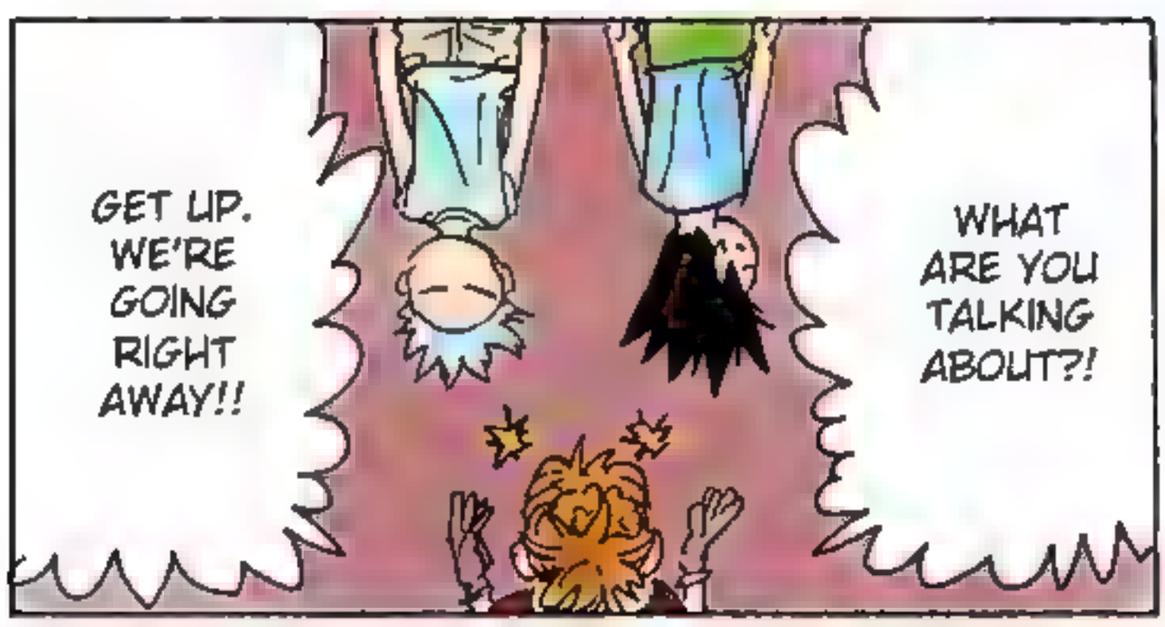
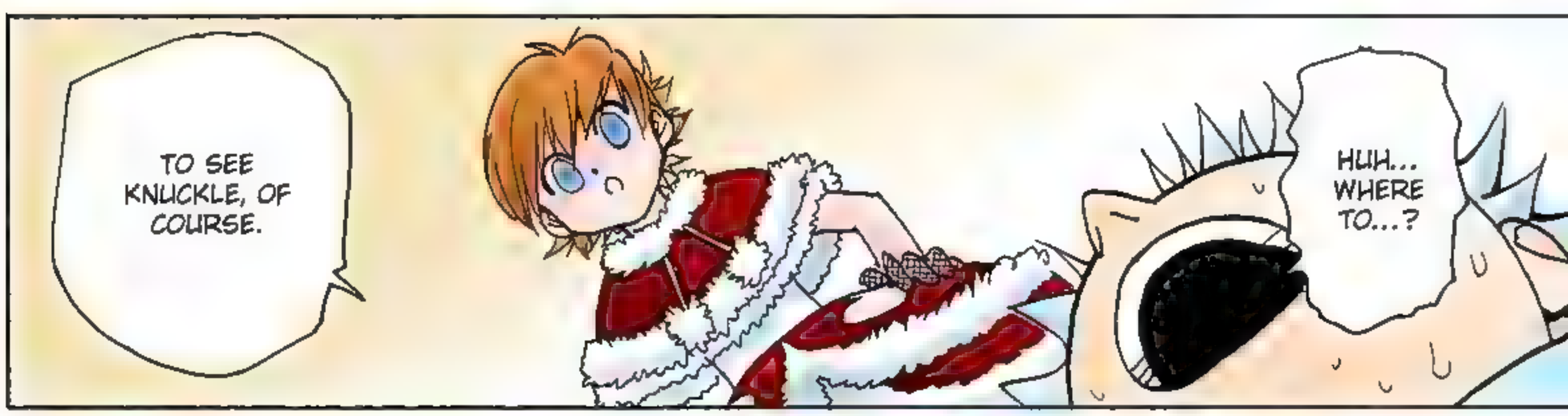
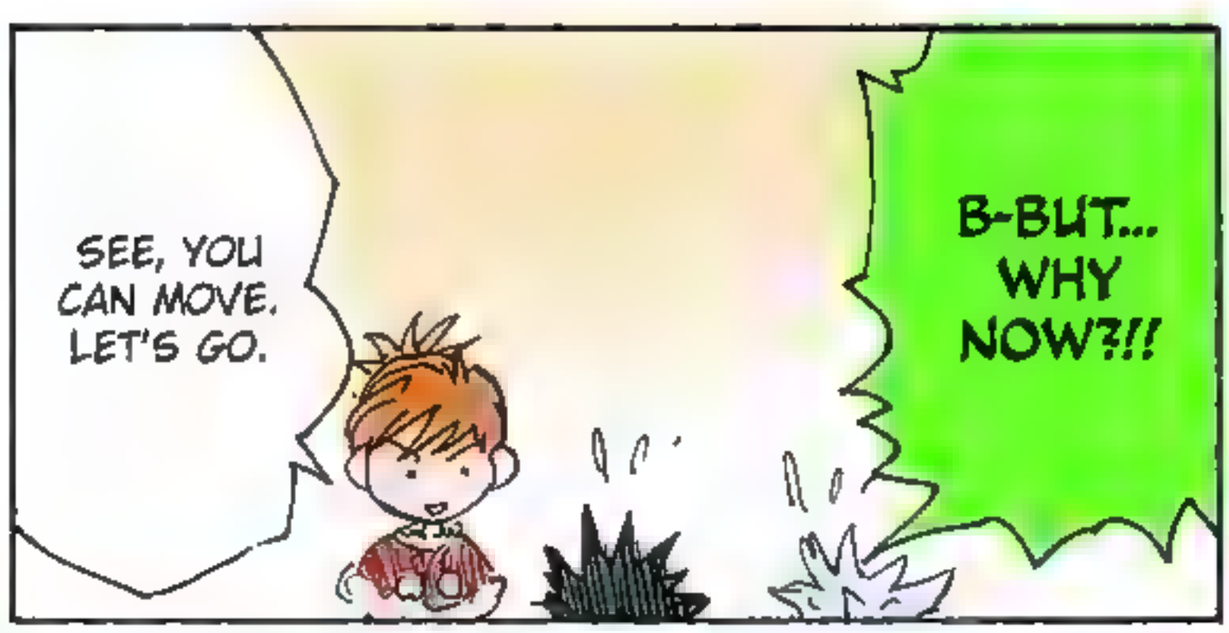
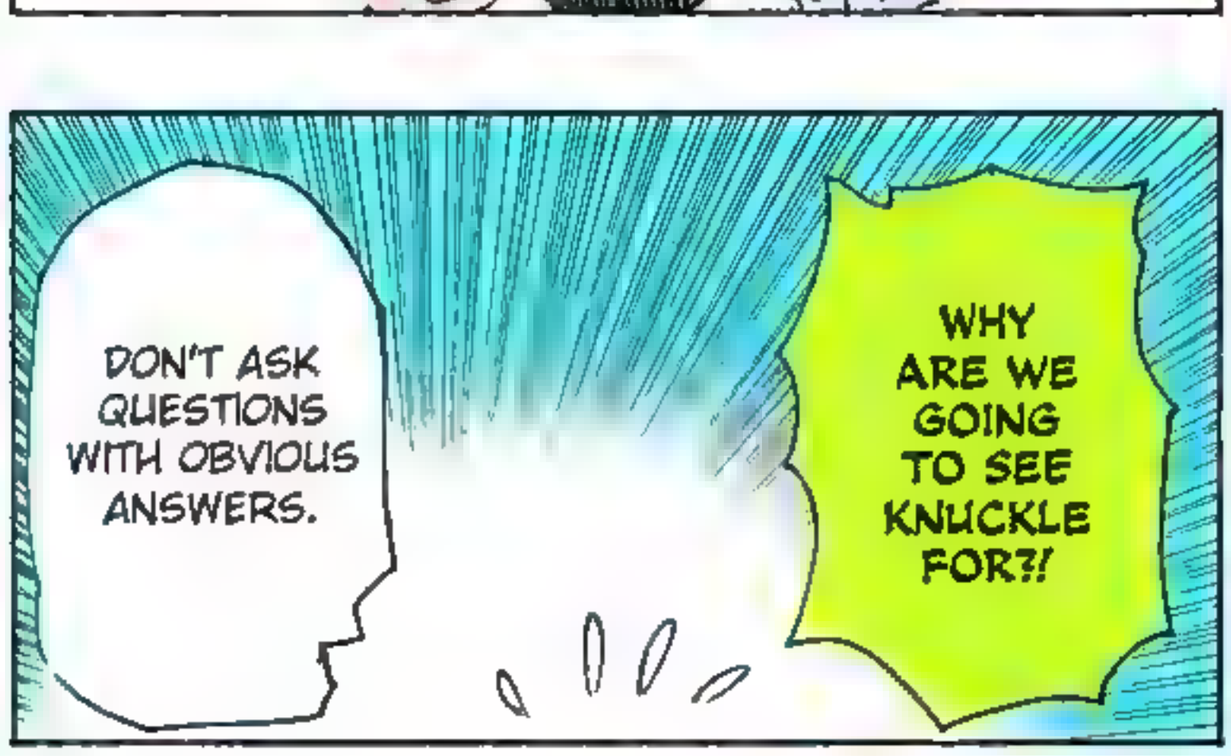

GET UP. WE'RE GOING RIGHT AWAY!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!


TO SEE KNUCKLE, OF COURSE.
HUH... WHERE TO...?


SEE, YOU CAN MOVE. LET'S GO.
B-BUT... WHY NOW?!!


DON'T ASK QUESTIONS WITH OBVIOUS ANSWERS.
WHY ARE WE GOING TO SEE KNUCKLE FOR?!

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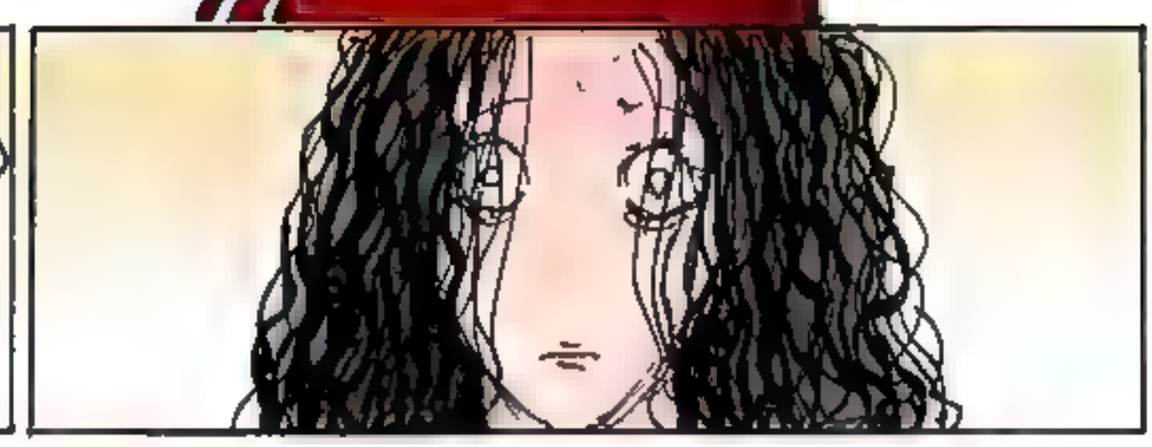
TO DUEL HIM!!

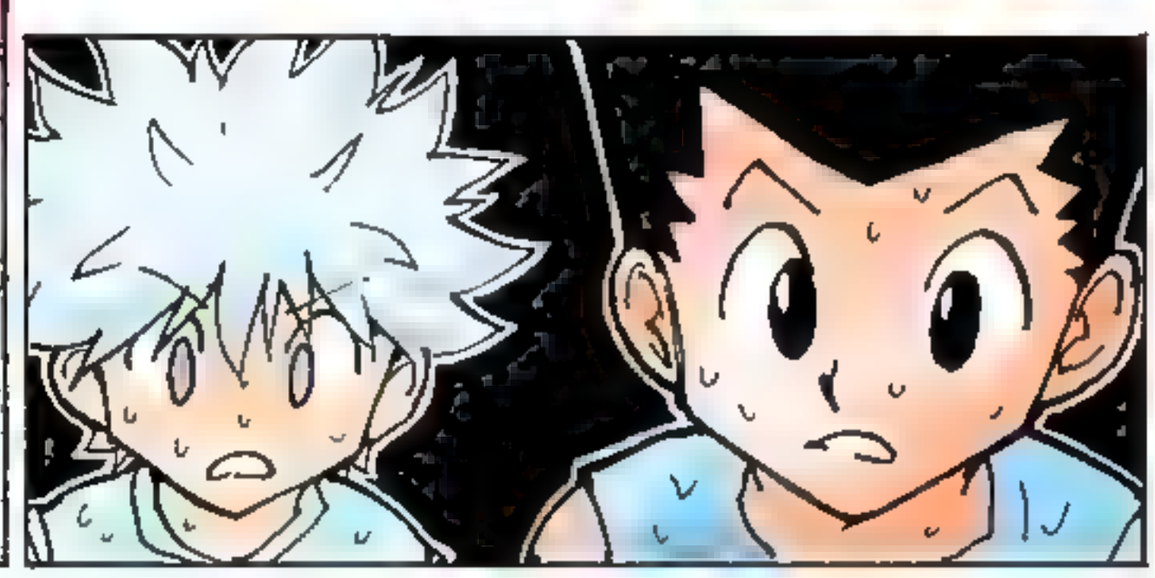
OKAY, LET'S GO
HUH?!



HUH?!
YOU JUST TRY AGAIN.
WHAT IF WE LOSE?!
WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF TIME, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

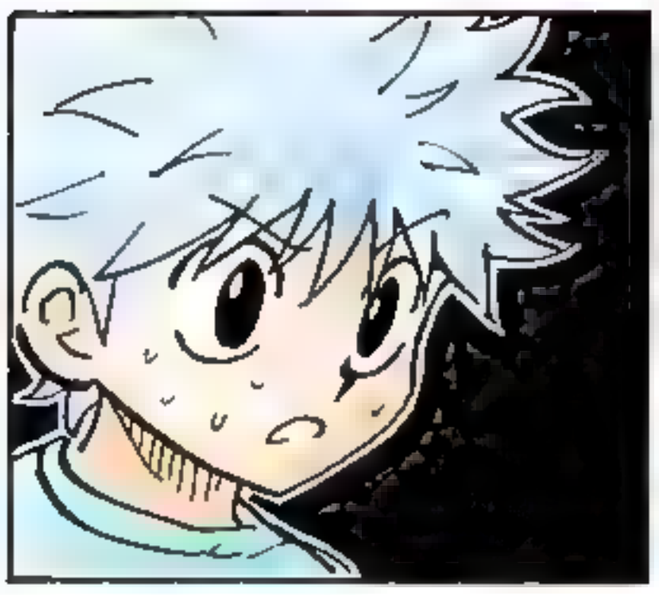
THEN TRY AGAIN THE NEXT DAY!!
IF IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL LOSE, RUN!!
!!?

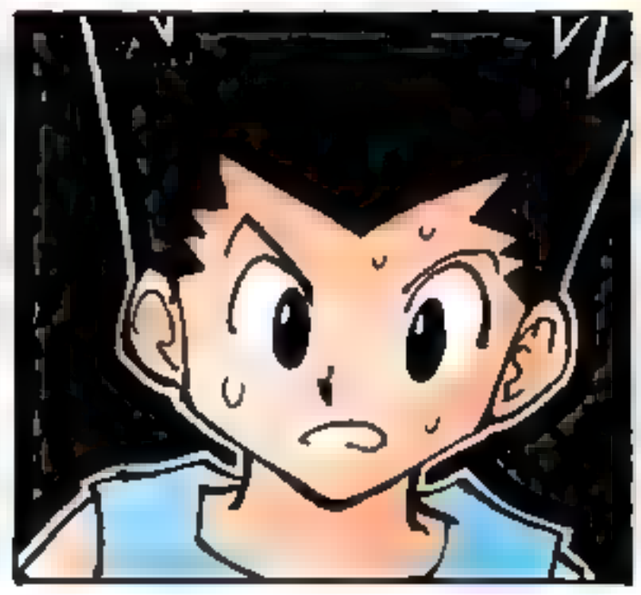
WHICH MEANS YOU MUST TAKE THEIRS.
ALL THAT MATTERS IS WHO ENDS UP WITH THE SHOGI TILES, RIGHT?

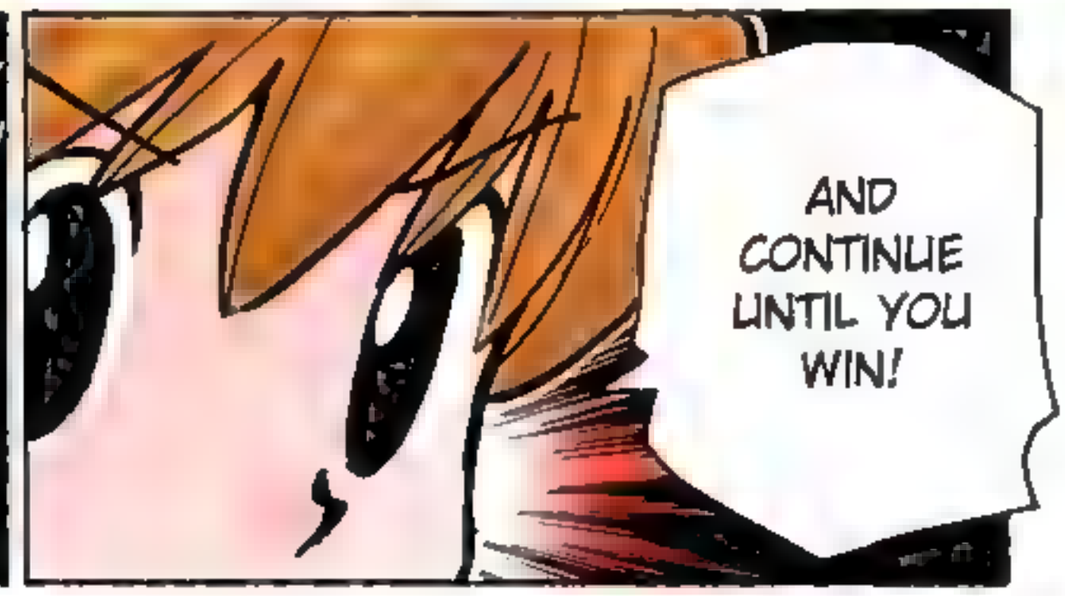


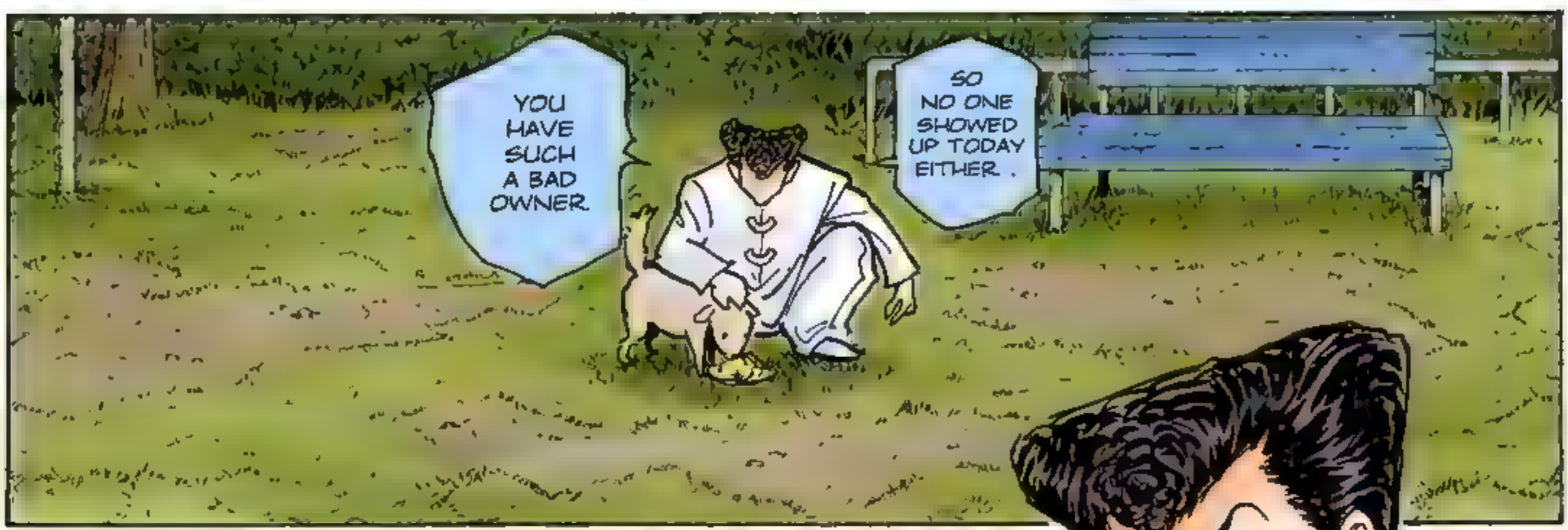
AFTER THAT, YOU'LL CHALLENGE KNUCKLE!!

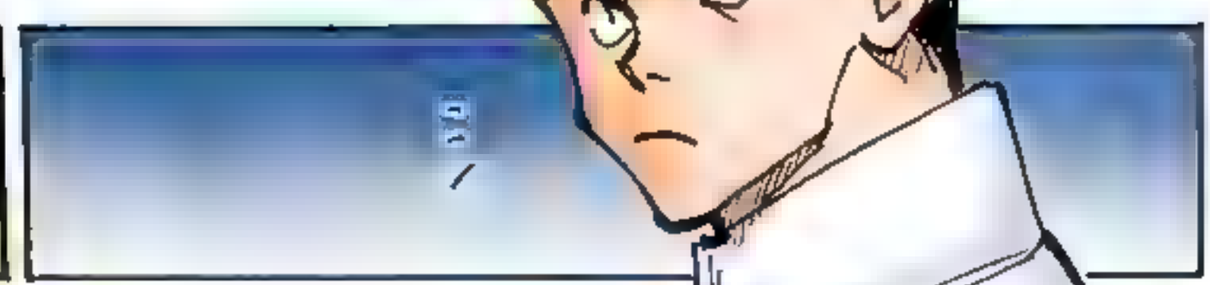
FROM HERE ON, YOU'LL PRACTICE "REN" FOR THREE HOURS A DAY!!

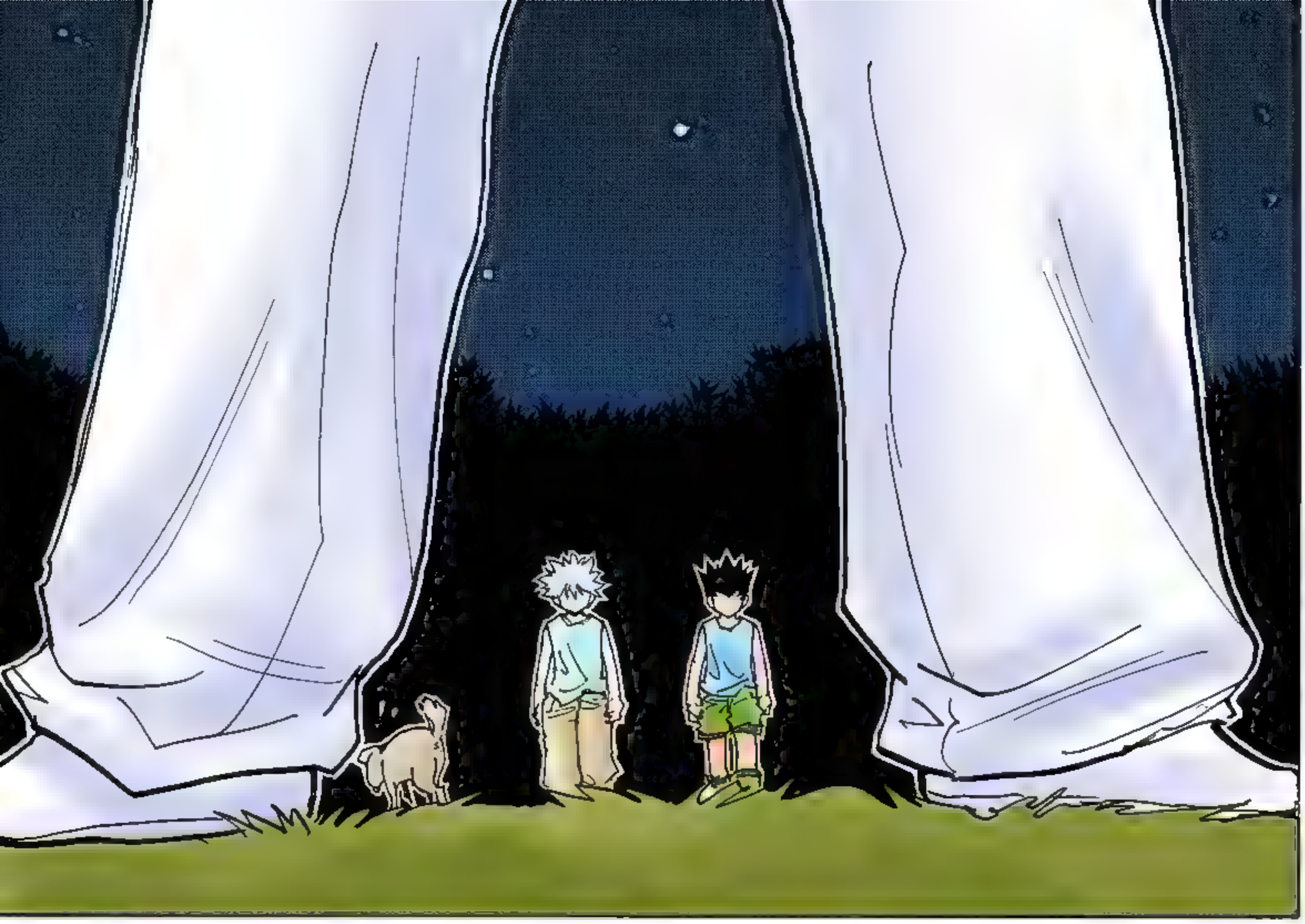


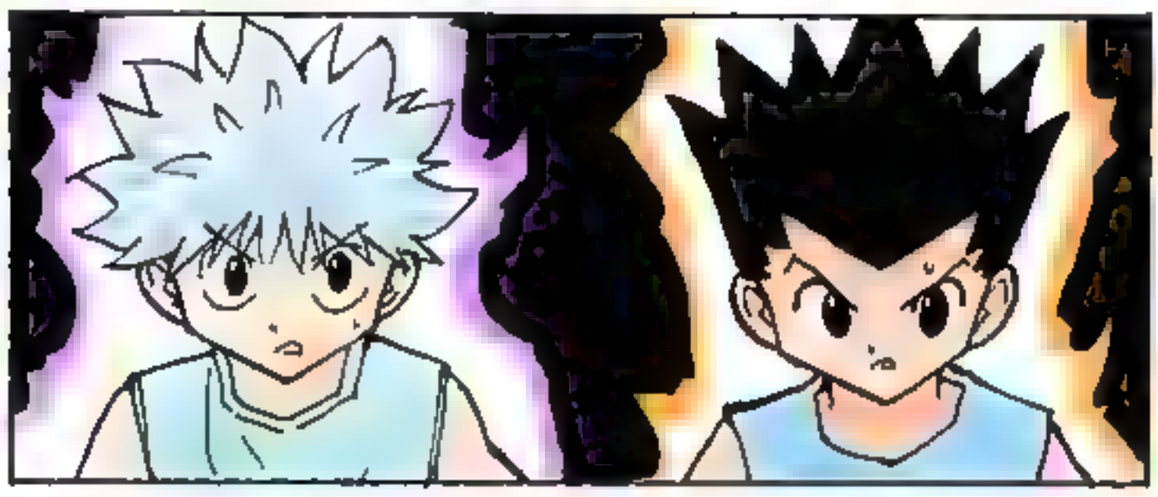


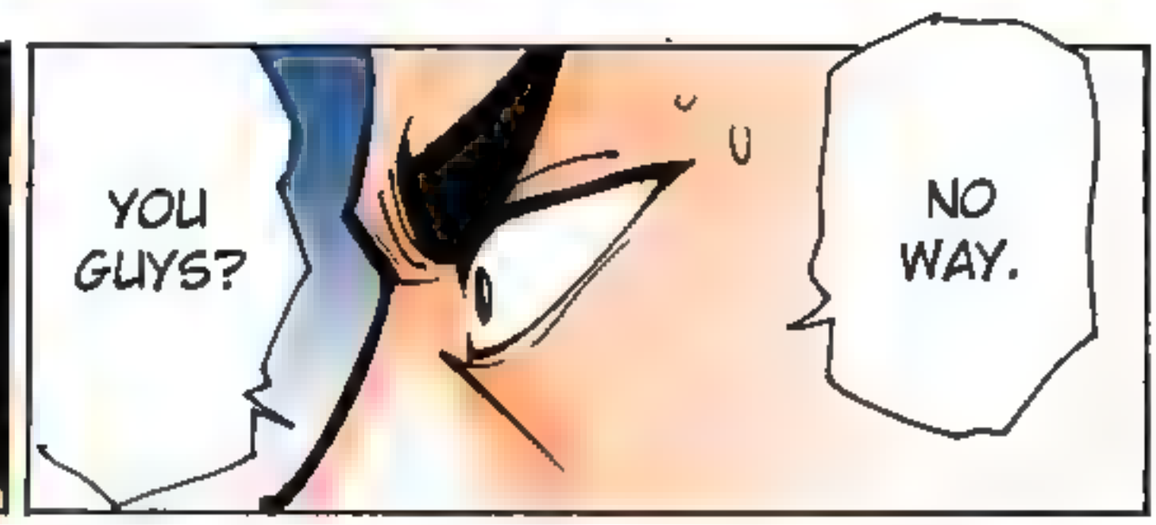


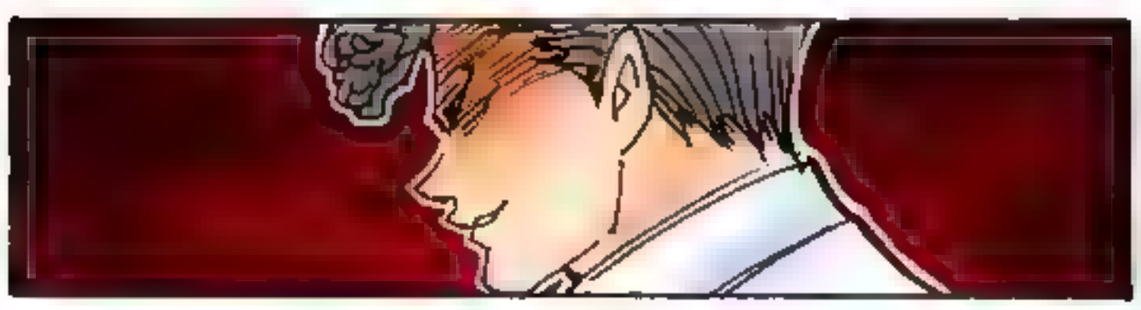


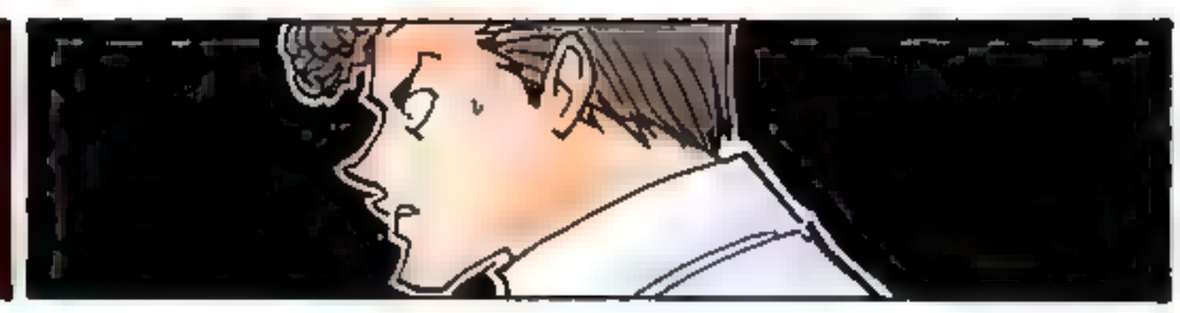












GUESS THEY MUST NOT RESPECT ME.

WELL...

THEY MUST NOT THINK I'M STRONG ENOUGH!!

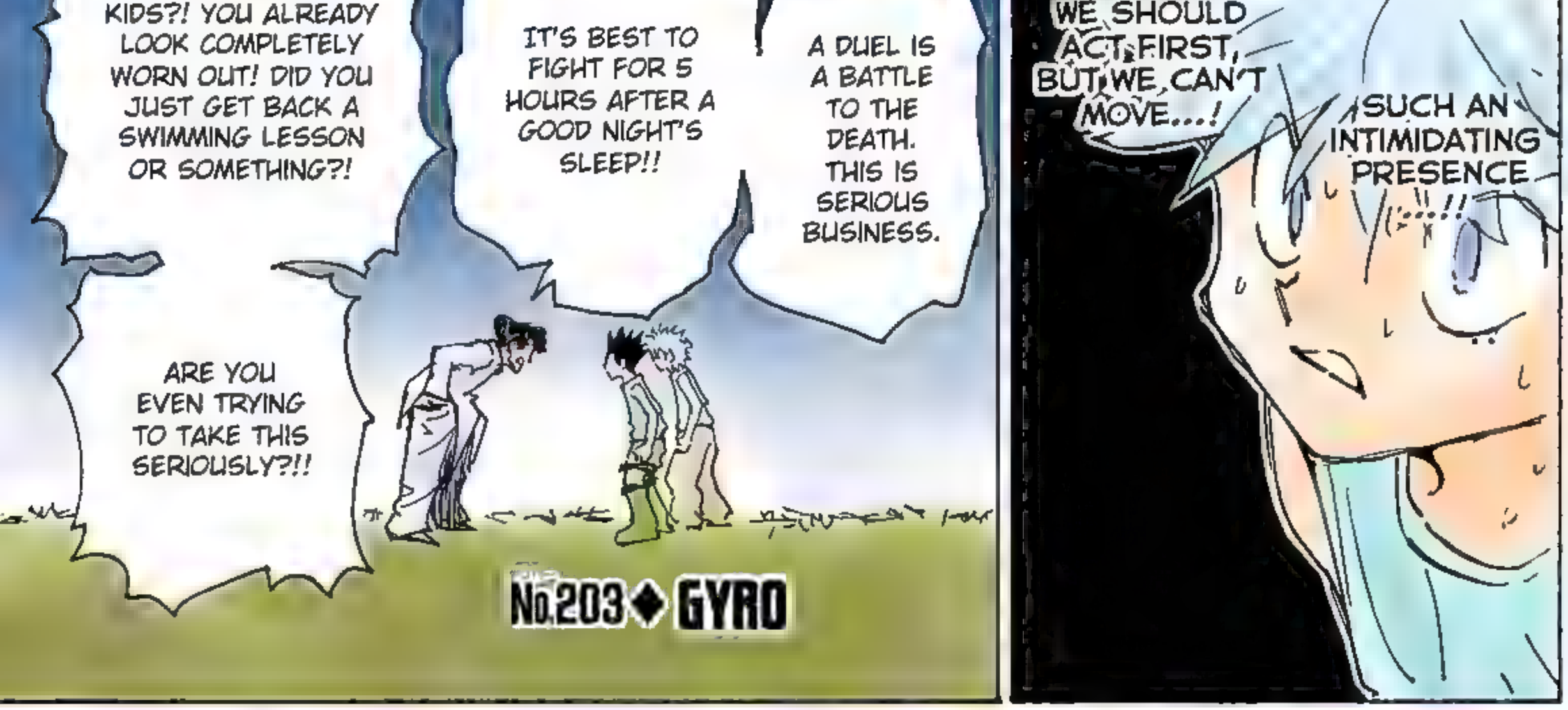
IF I'M BEING COMPARED TO A COUPLE OF KIDS...

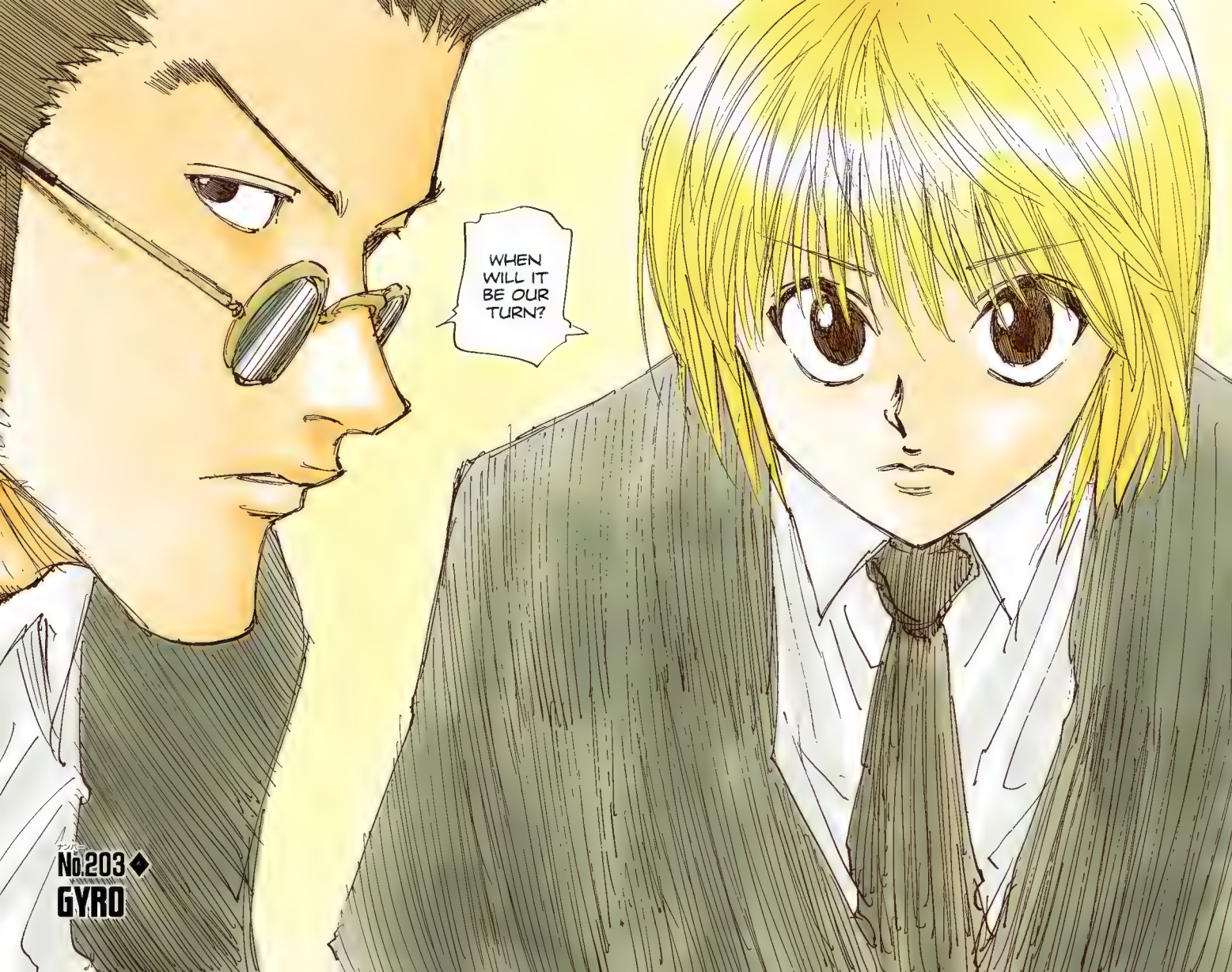
SO WHAT'S WITH YOU KIDS?! YOU ALREADY LOOK COMPLETELY WORN OUT! DID YOU JUST GET BACK A SWIMMING LESSON OR SOMETHING?!

IT'S BEST TO FIGHT FOR 5 HOURS AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!!

A DUEL IS A BATTLE TO THE DEATH. THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS.

ARE YOU EVEN TRYING TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY?!!




WHEN WILL IT BE OUR TURN?
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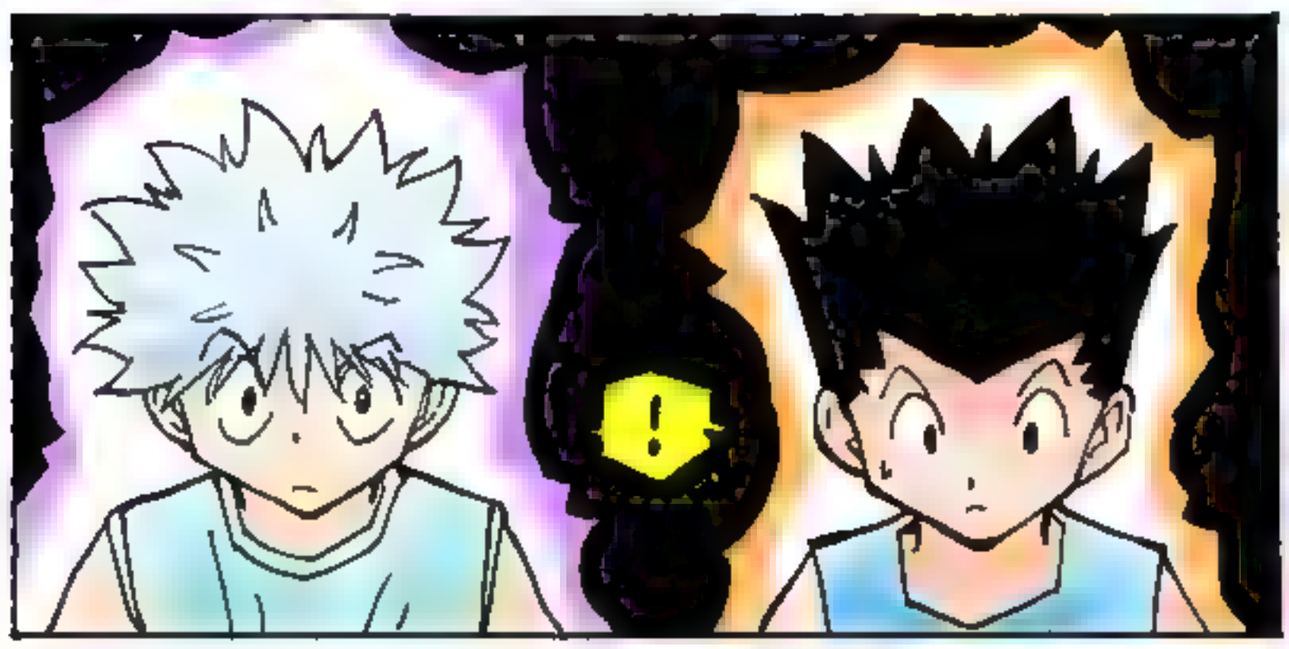
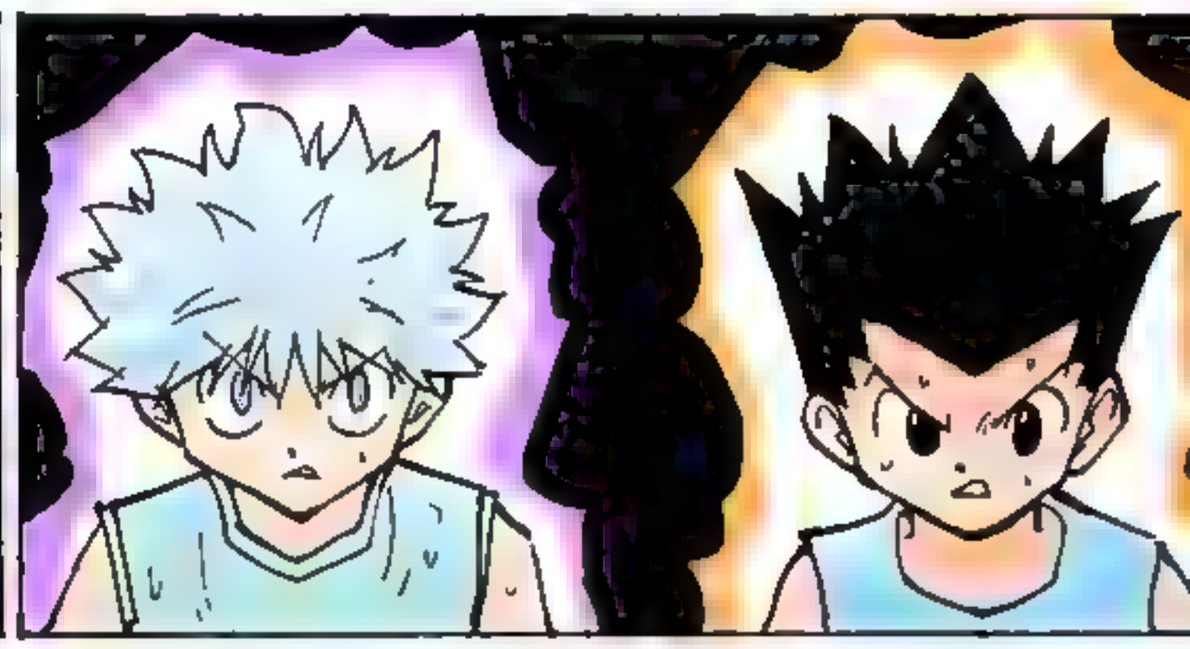
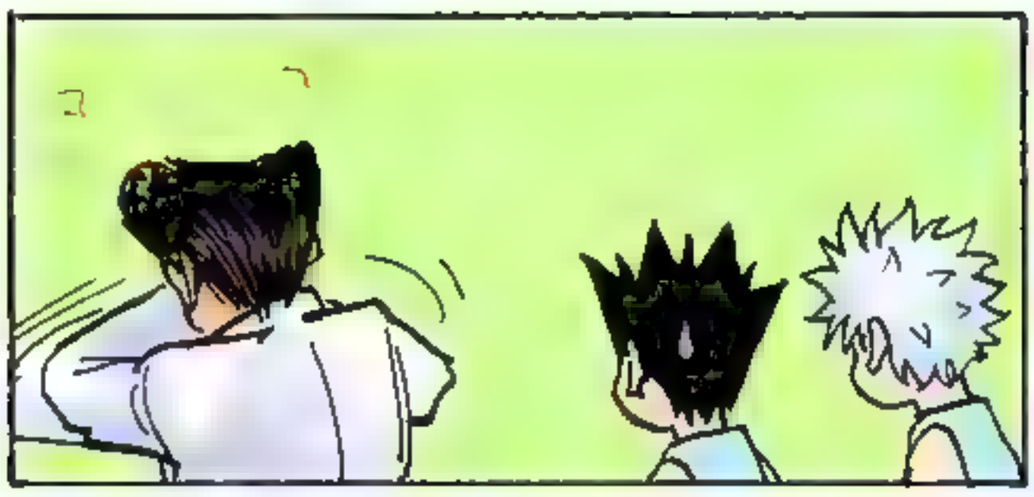
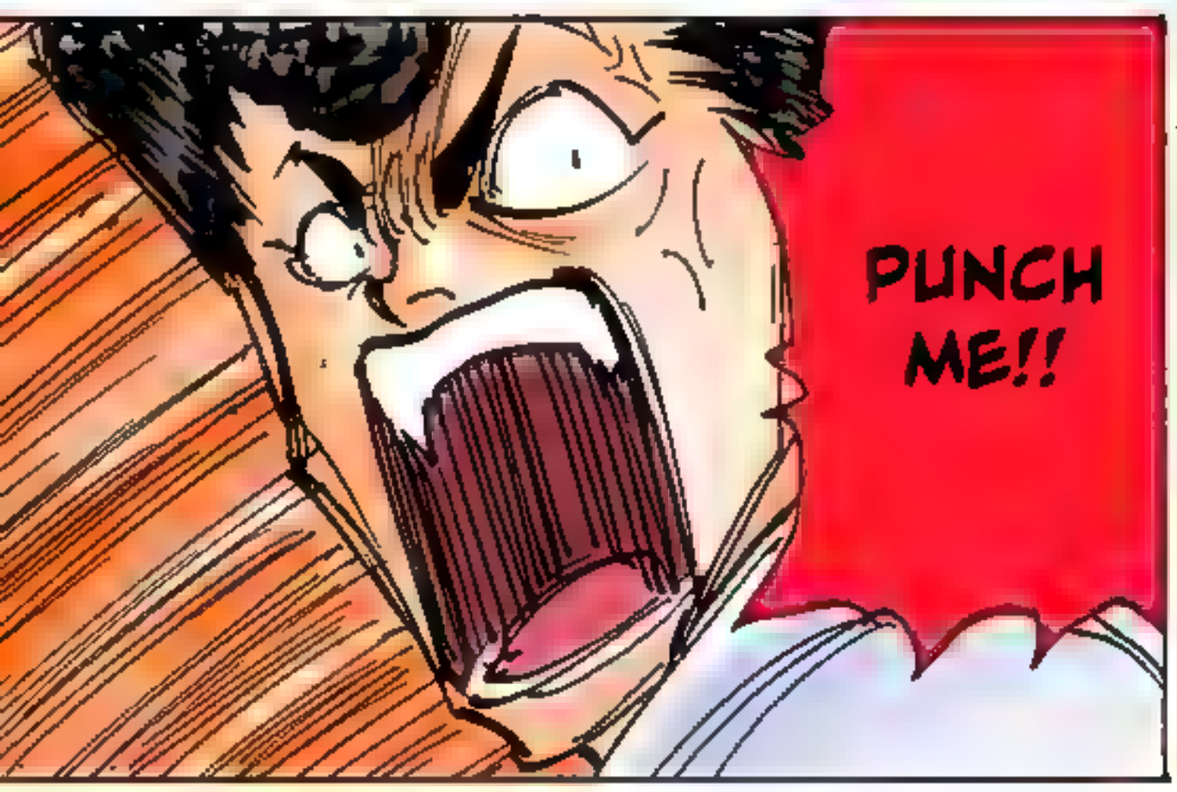
YOU PUNKS CAN'T DEFEAT ME.





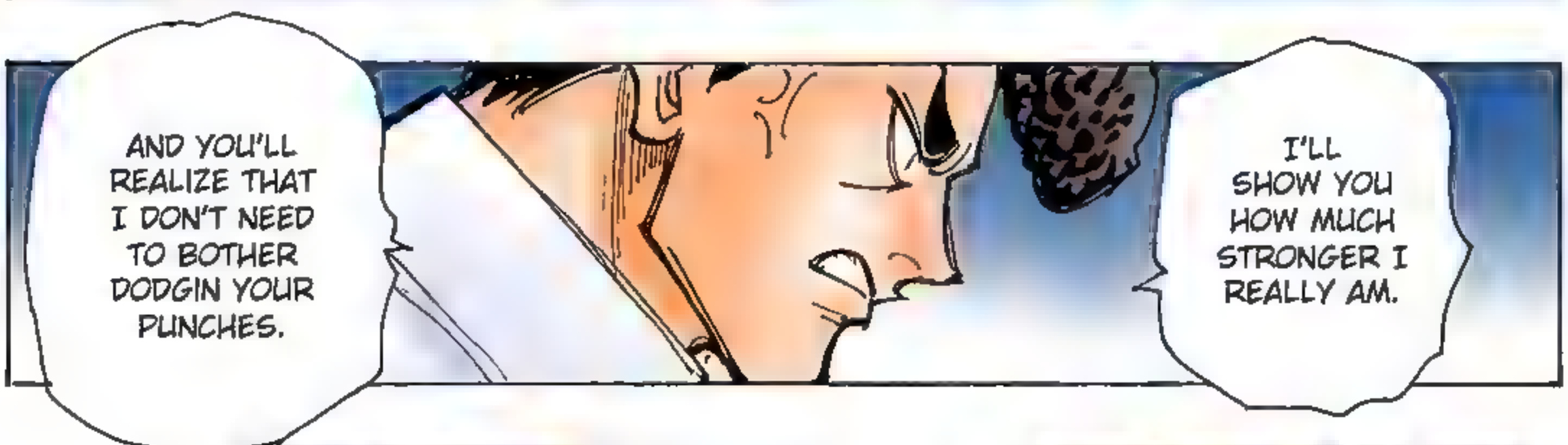
ARE YOU... CRYING?

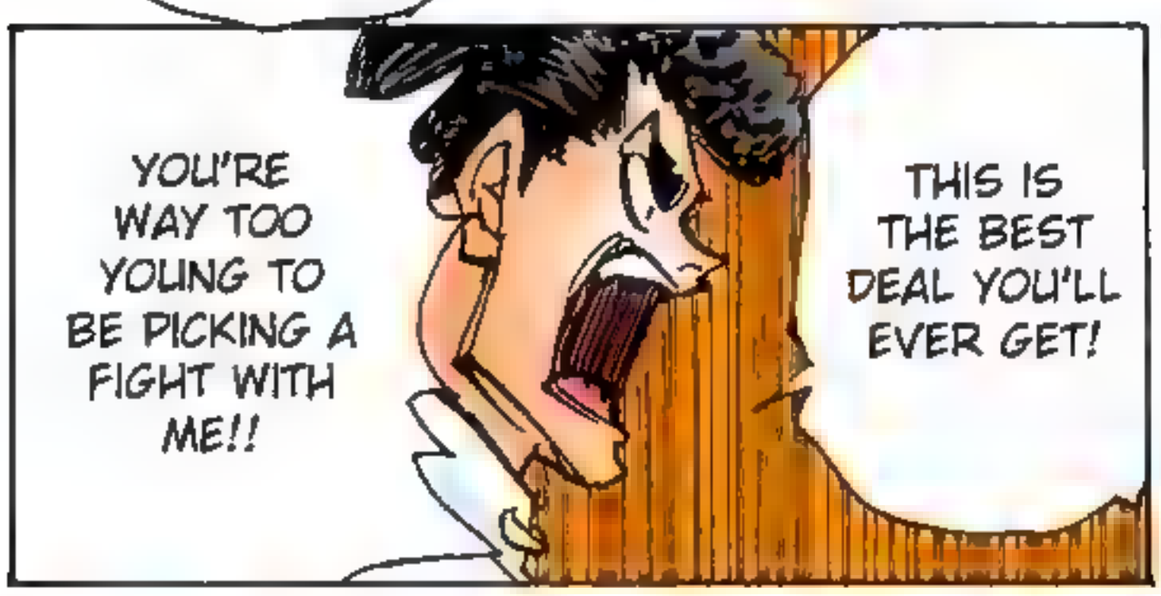



PUNCH ME!!

THESE ARE TEARS FROM LAUGHING TOO MUCH, FOOL!! YEAH, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!!
S-STUPID, S-SHUT UP, IDIOT!! I'M NOT UPSET! THESE ARE JUST, WELL, UH...
YOU BETTER NOT TELL ANYONE OR I'LL KILL YOU!!

HUH?!


AND YOU'LL REALIZE THAT I DON'T NEED TO BOTHER DODGIN YOUR PUNCHES.
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW MUCH STRONGER I REALLY AM.


YOU'RE WAY TOO YOUNG TO BE PICKING A FIGHT WITH ME!!
THIS IS THE BEST DEAL YOU'LL EVER GET!

.....
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CHALLENGED US TO A FIGHT.

IF I DON'T EVEN BUDGE AN INCH, YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR TILES BEHIND!!
I'LL LET YOU KEEP HITTING ME UNTIL YOU'RE SATISFIED... BUT...

HOW DARE YOU!!

WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO ARGUE AGAINST THAT!!

BUT IT'S CLEAR... WE AREN'T ON KNUCKLES LEVEL...

?

IS WHAT I WANT TO SAY...!!

...WITH JUST WILLPOWER ALONE...!

NOT RIGHT NOW. THE FACT IS, WE CAN'T OVERCOME EVERYTHING...

I DON'T HAVE ANY COME-BACKS !!

...I'M NOT JUST GOING TO SIT DOWN AND TAKE IT!!

BUT...

JUST GET IT OVER WITH.

ENOUGH TALKING.

...UNTIL YOU MOVE.

I WON'T STOP HITTING YOU...

SHOW ME...

!?

ROCK !!

THAT'S CHEATING!!

WHAT'S WITH THE INTENSE AURA ALL OF THE SUDDEN?!

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA.

!!!

CRAP, BUT WHERE DO I DEFEND?! IF I GUESS WRONG I COULD DIE.

I'LL USE "GYO"... NO, I HAVE TO DEFEND WITH "KO".

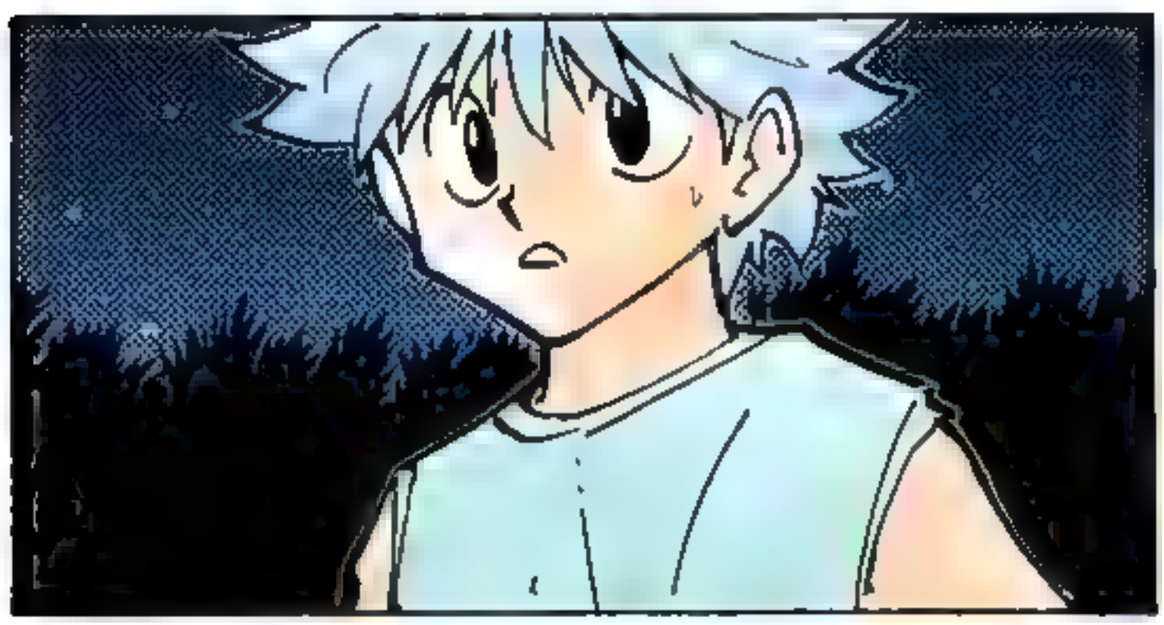
COME ON, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!!

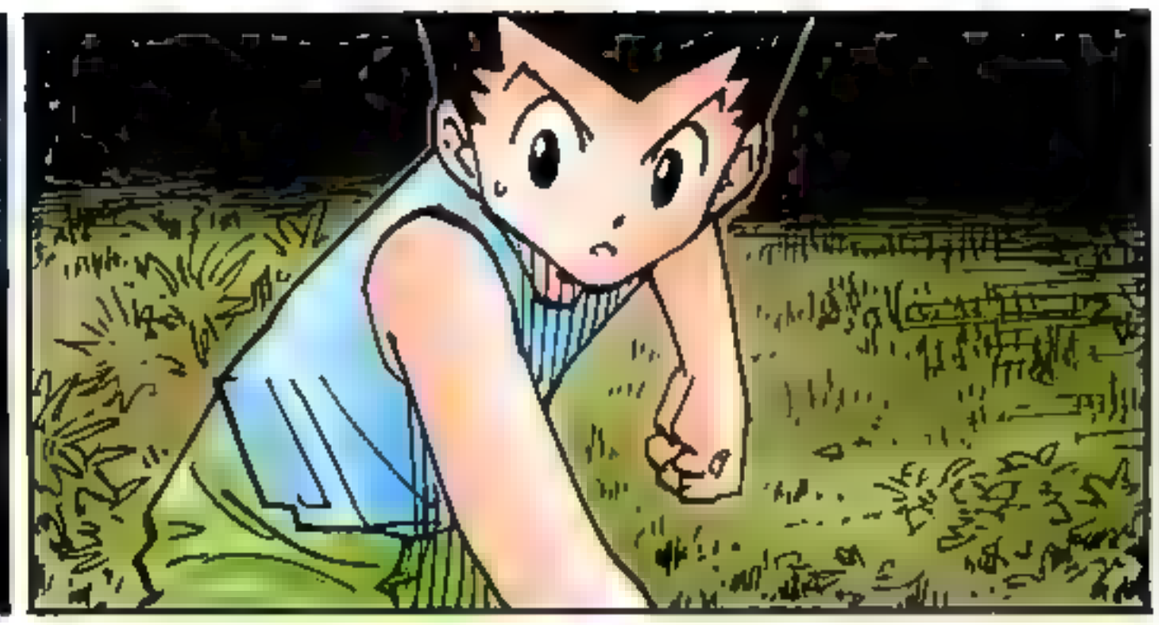
I'D EXPECT HIM TO ATTACK THE BELLY. YEAH, THAT'S THE ONLY REAL CHOICE, RIGHT?! IT HAS TO BE THE BELLY. YEAH IT'S THE BELLY!!

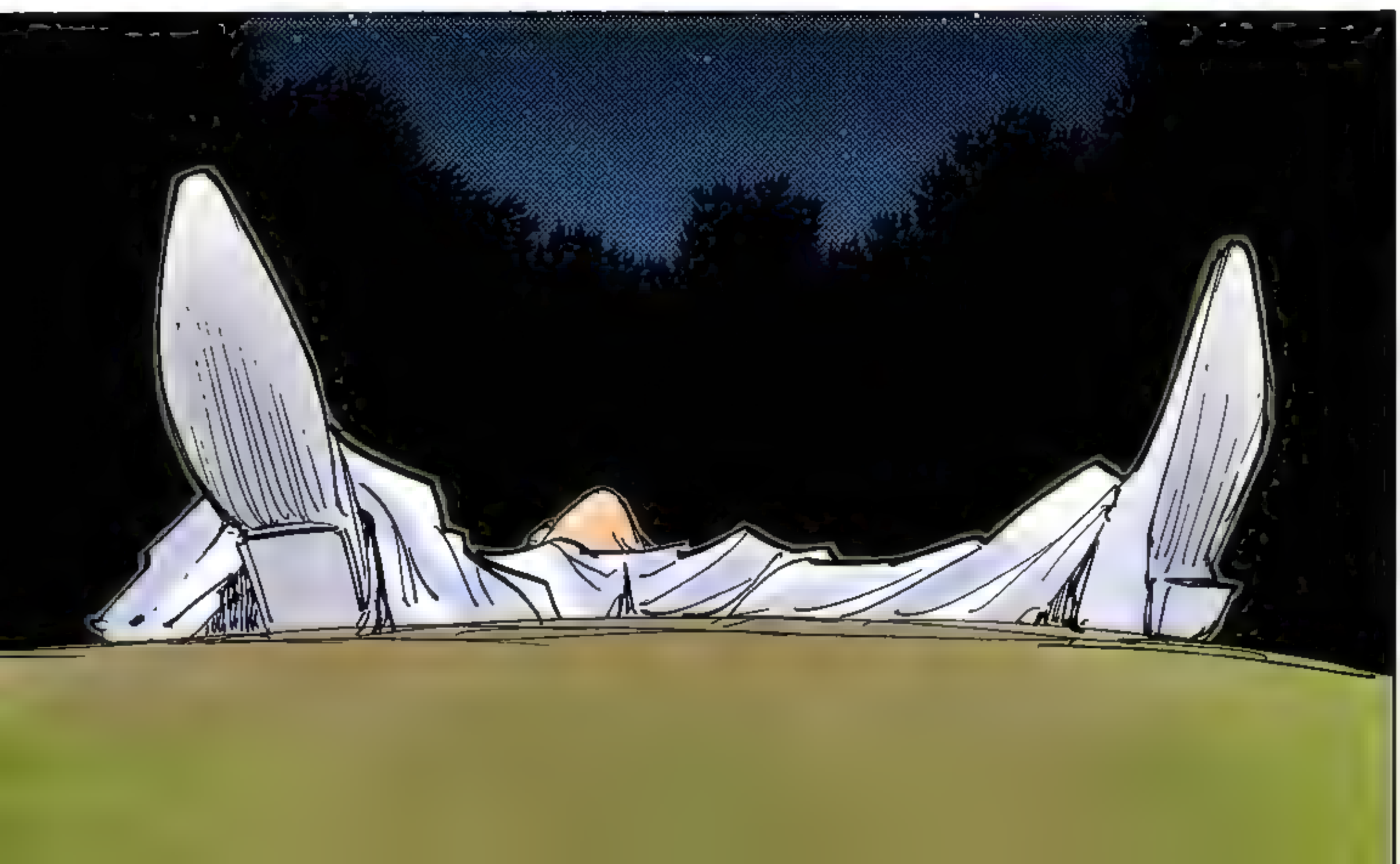
BELLY, BELLY, BELLY!!

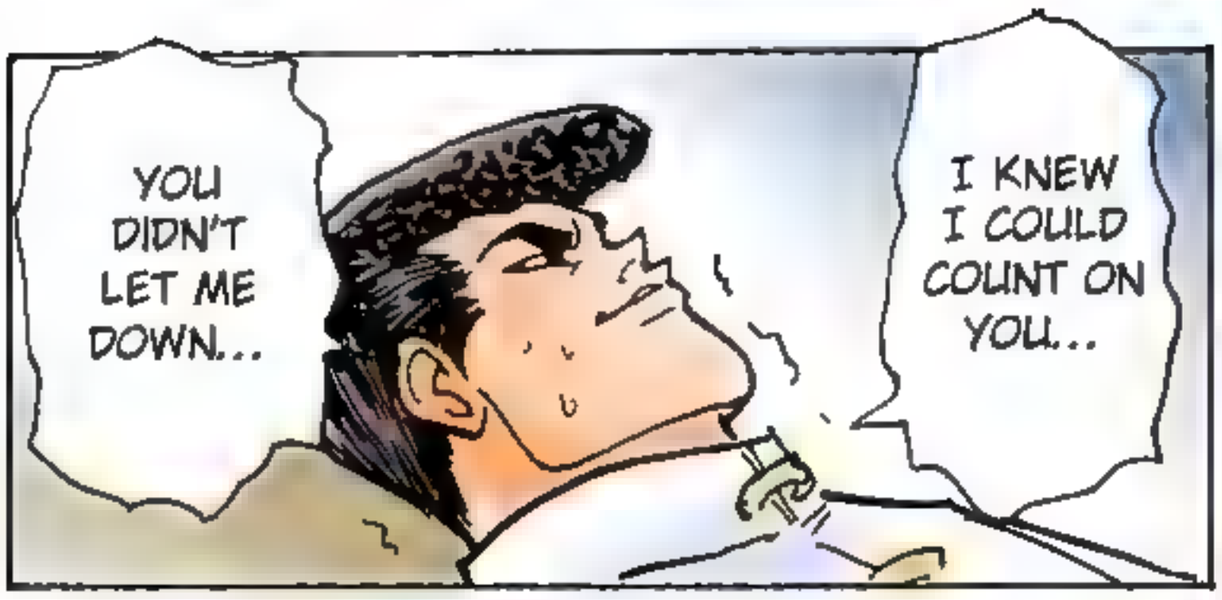
KEN !!!

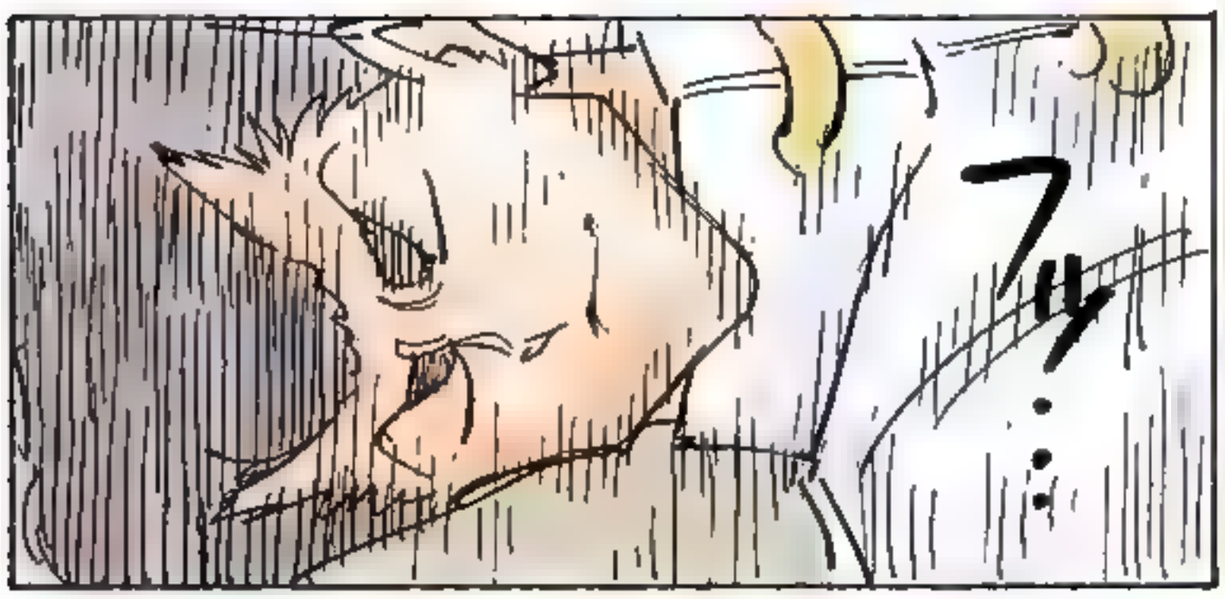
JAN !!

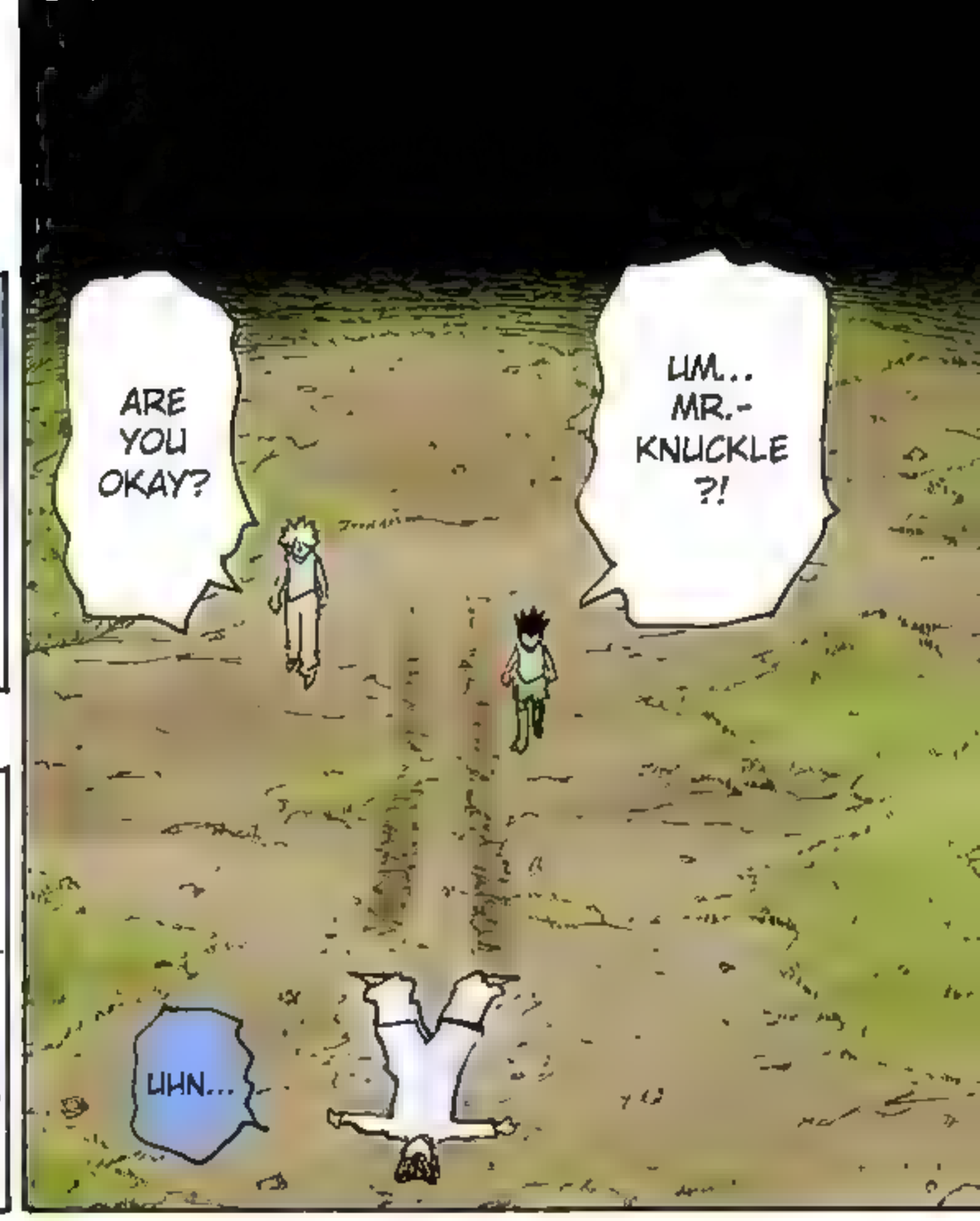




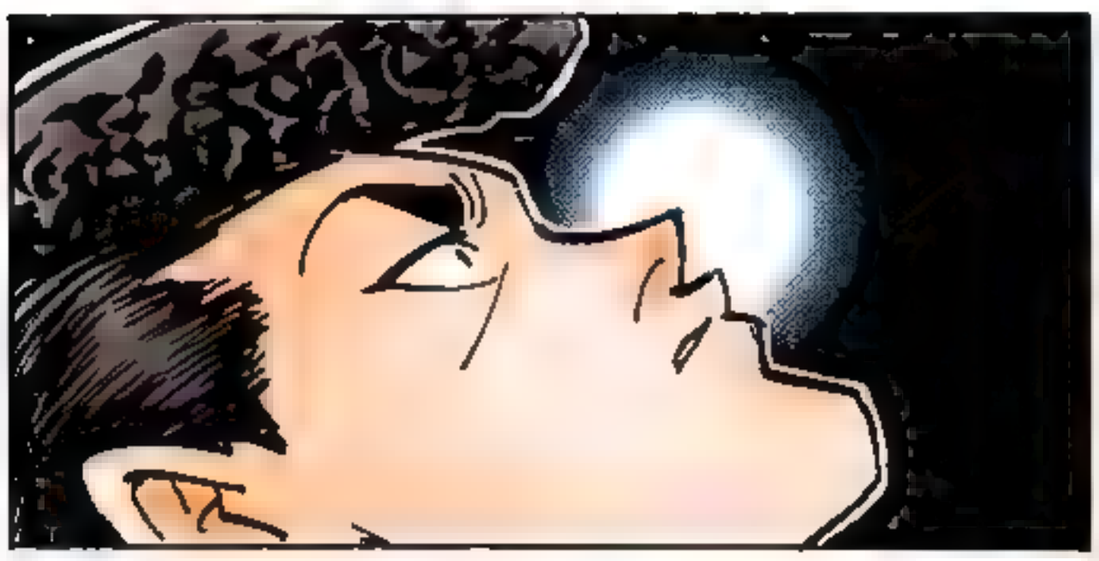


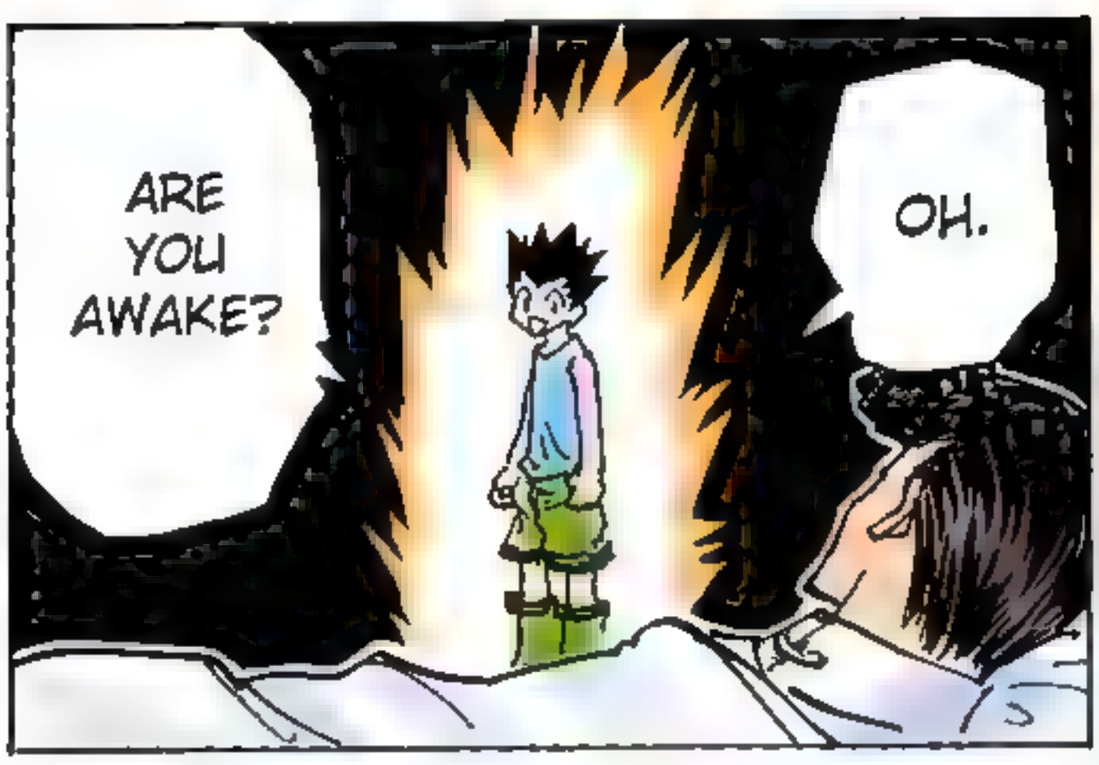

YOU DIDN'T LET ME DOWN...
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU...

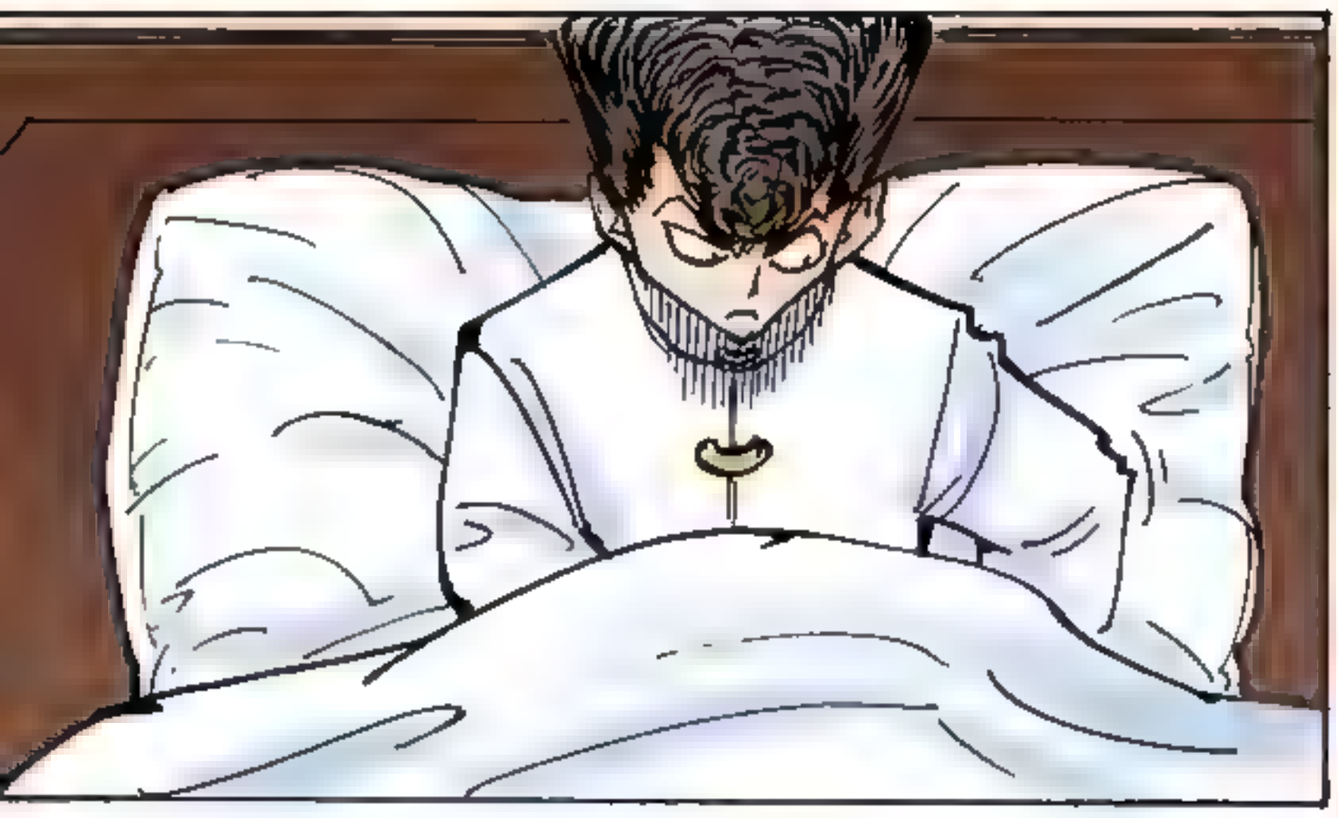


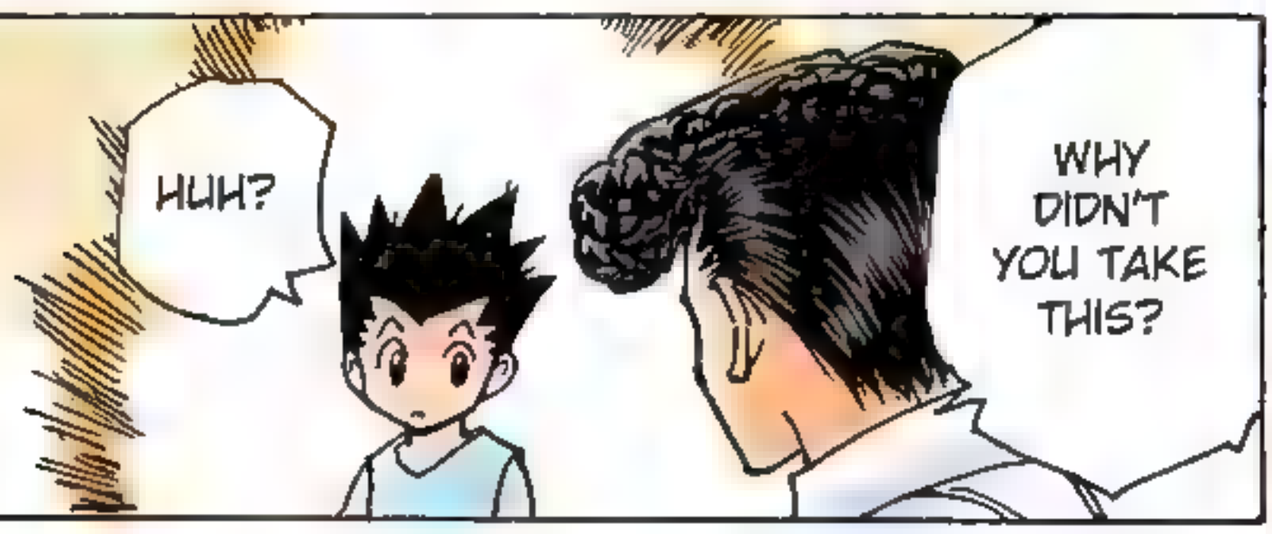

ARE YOU OKAY?
UM... MR.-KNUCKLE ?!
UHN...

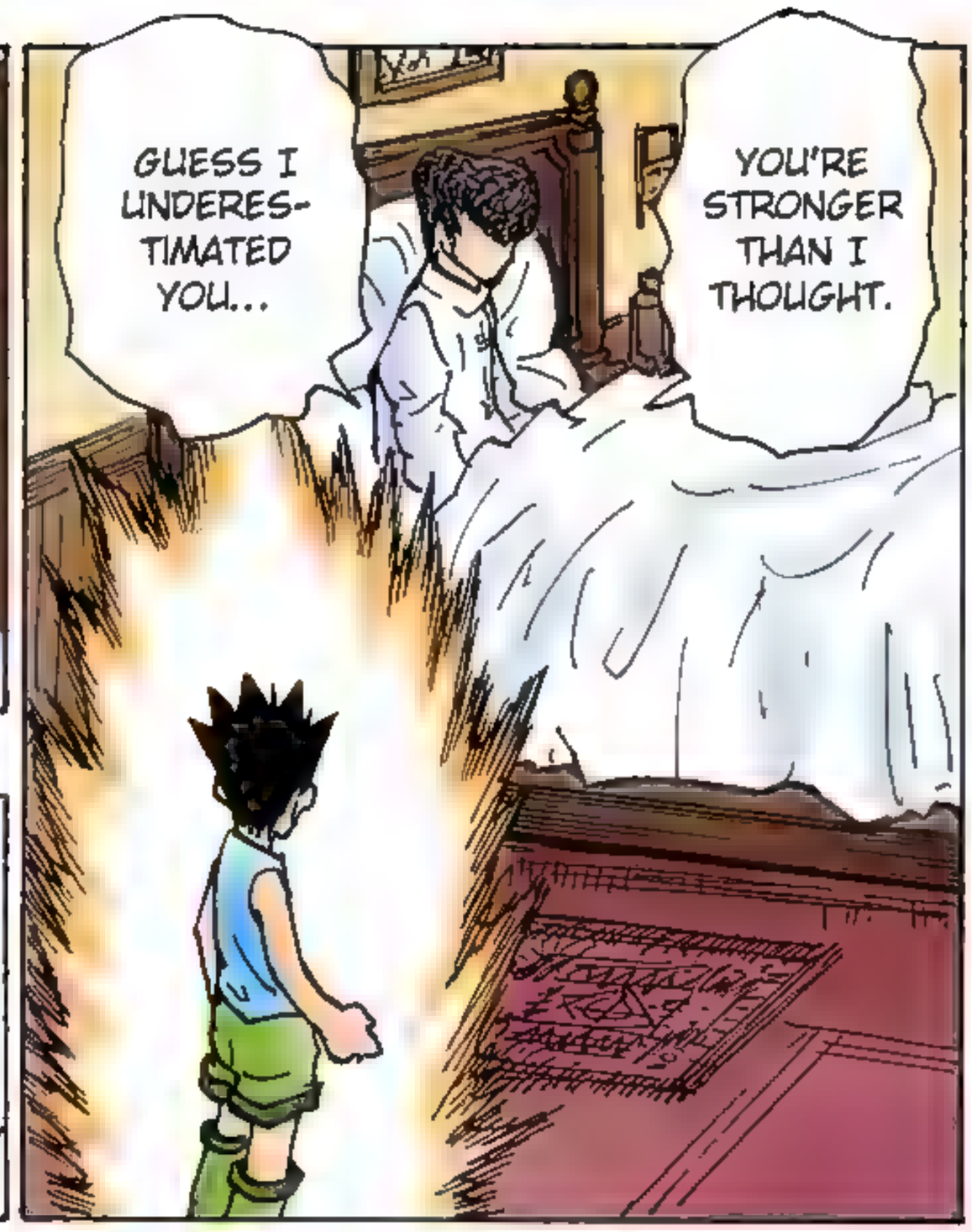
CLEARLY, HE'S 100% AN IDIOT.
I GUESS.
WELL ...
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?

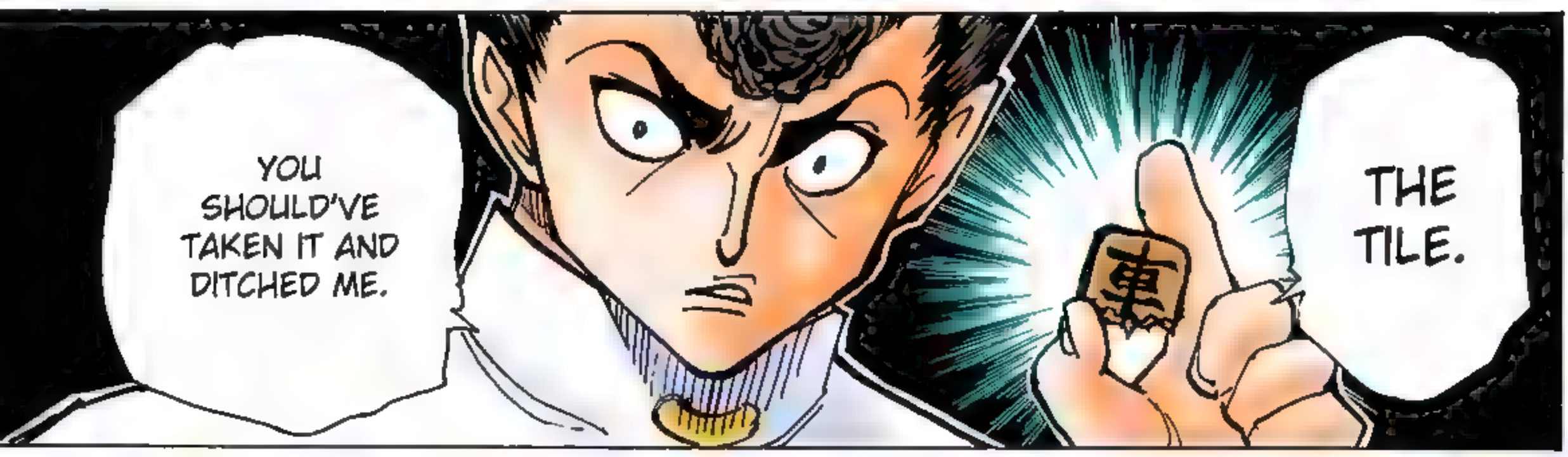


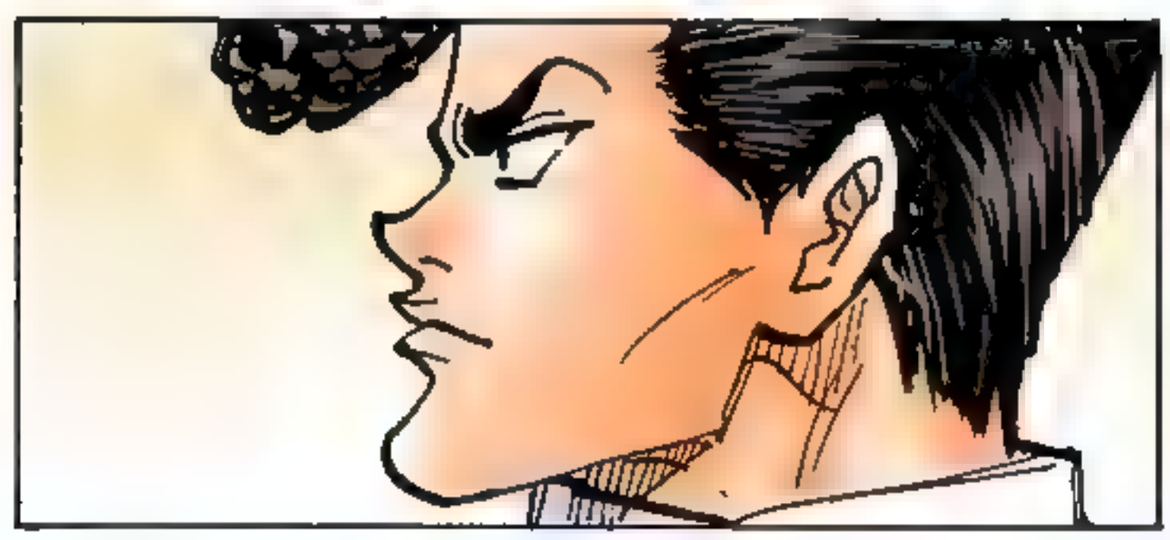

ARE YOU AWAKE?
OH.




HUH?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE THIS?

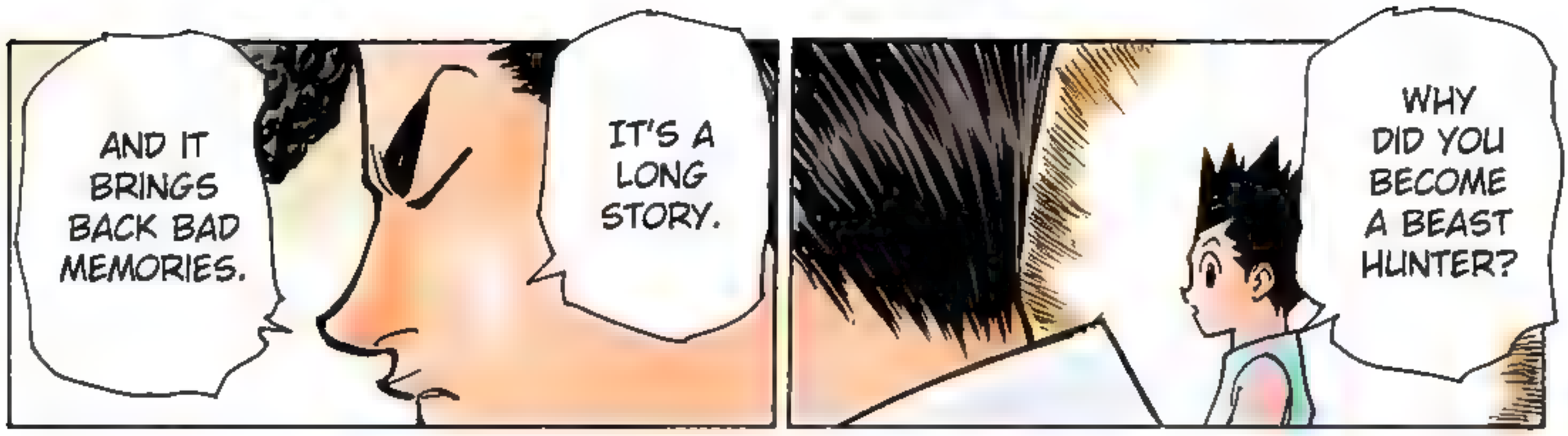

GUESS I UNDERES-TIMATED YOU...
YOU'RE STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT.

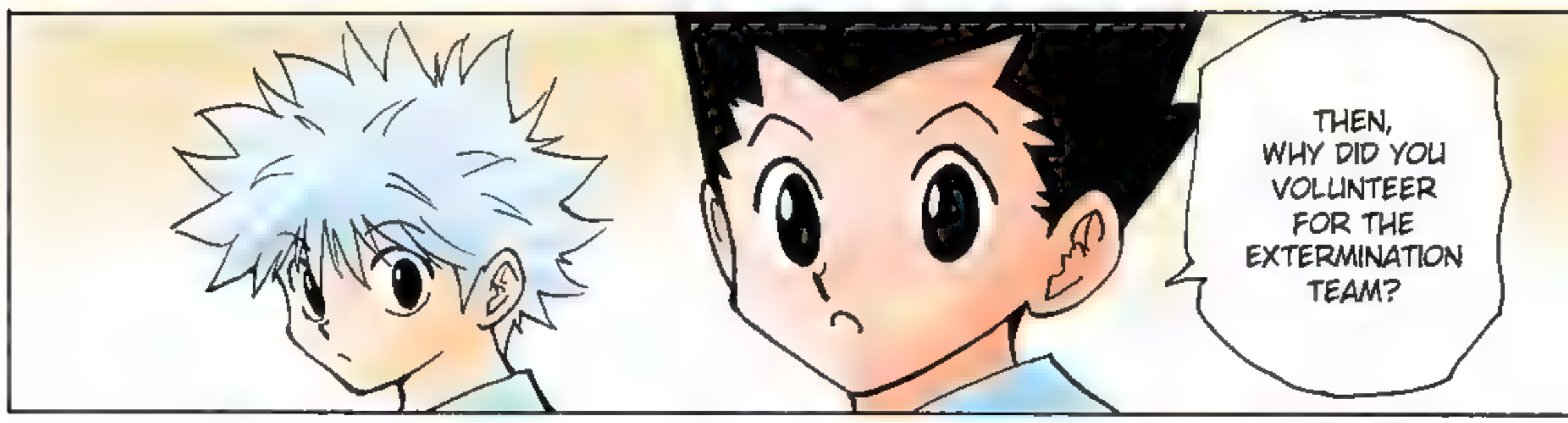

YOU SHOULD'VE TAKEN IT AND DITCHED ME.
THE TILE.

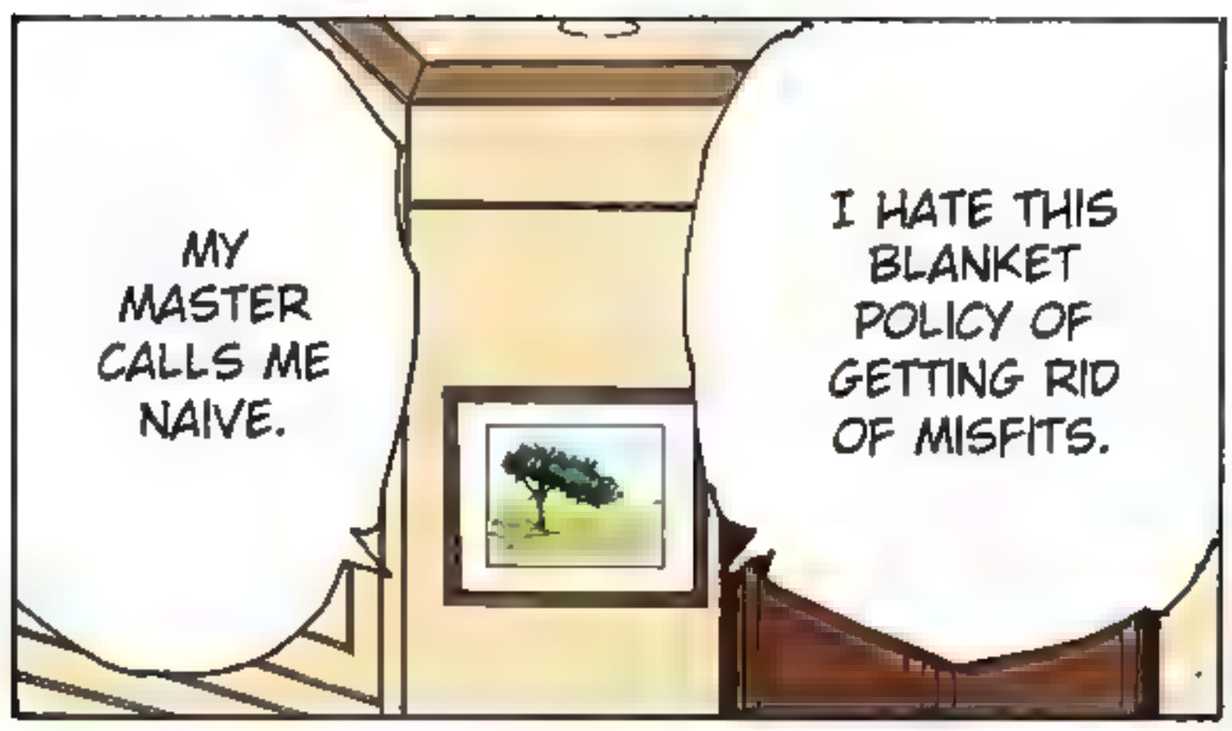


CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
SURE, GO AHEAD.

BUT THE CAPABILITY TO DEFEAT YOU IN AN HONEST BATTLE.
IT'S NOT THE TILE WE WANT.


AND IT BRINGS BACK BAD MEMORIES.
IT'S A LONG STORY.
WHY DID YOU BECOME A BEAST HUNTER?


THEN, WHY DID YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE EXTERMINATION TEAM?


MY MASTER CALLS ME NAIVE.
I HATE THIS BLANKET POLICY OF GETTING RID OF MISFITS.

...IT'S TO NOT GET THEM EXTER-MINATED.
SIMPLY PUT...

FIRST, YOU HAVE TO EXCHANGE BLOWS.
BUT YOU CAN'T JUDGE SOMETHING THAT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE, RIGHT?

YOU CAN TELL AFTER WE DUKE IT OUT.

YOU'RE A GOOD KID.

BUT YOU'LL GET YOURSELF KILLED IN THE PROCESS.

?!

YOU TOO, MR.-KNUCKLE.

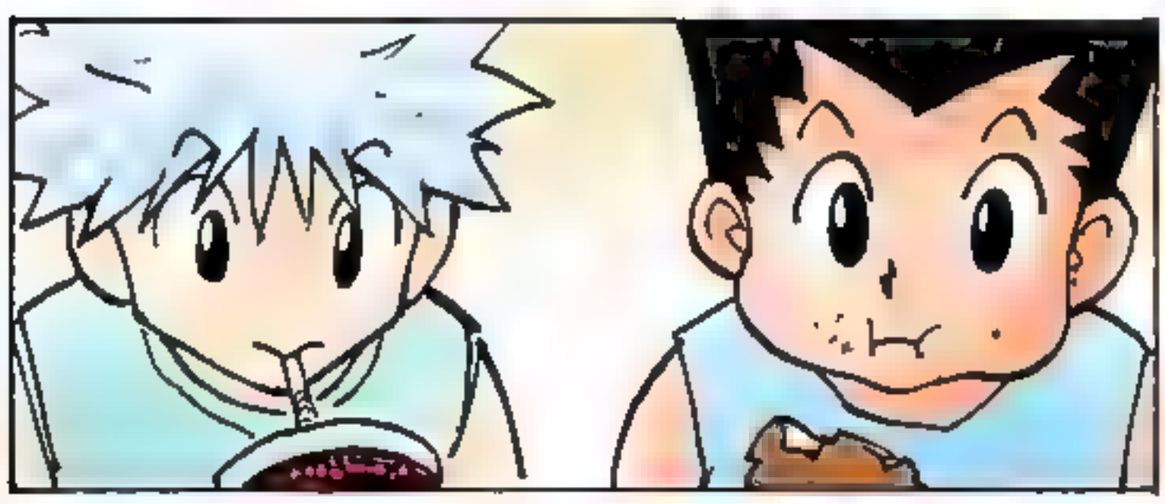
THEY SAY GOOD HUNTERS ARE WELL LIKED BY ANIMALS.

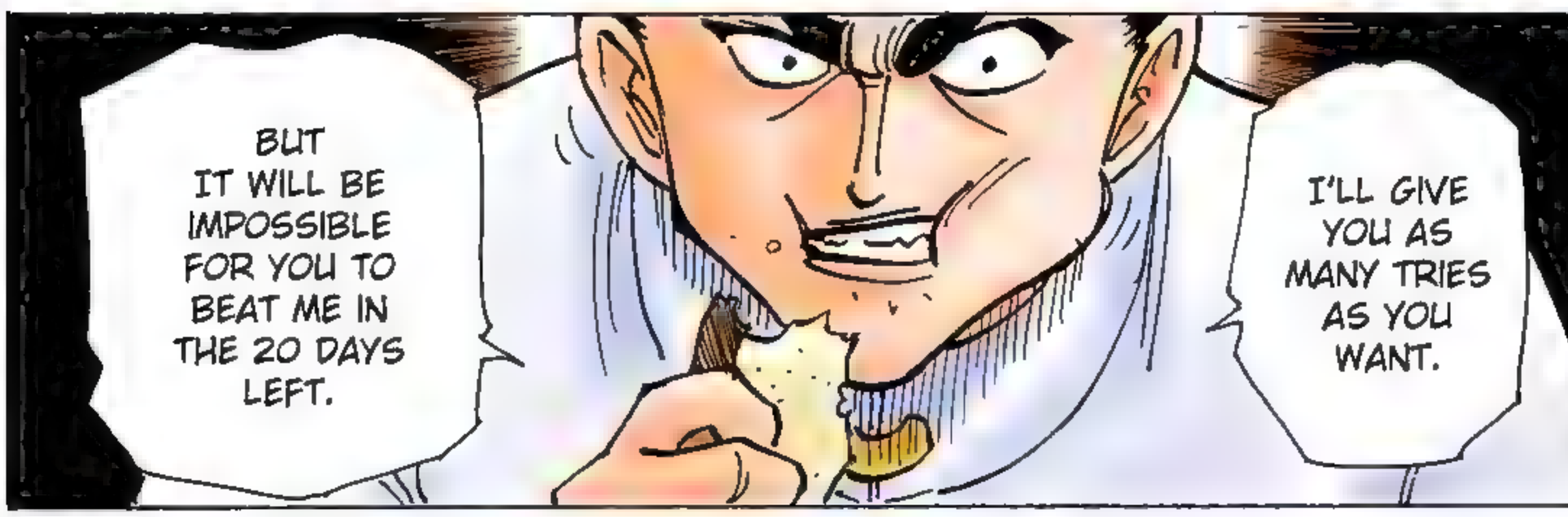
HE WOULDN'T LEAVE YOUR SIDE.

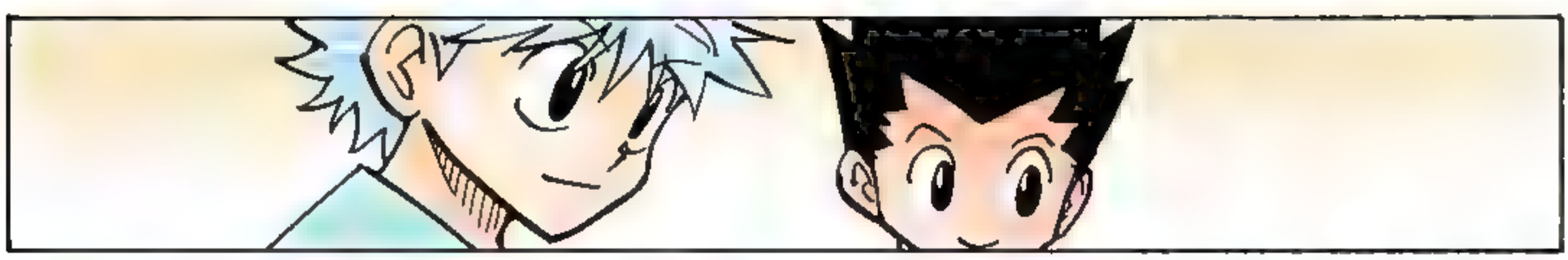
DON'T TELL ANYONE! OR I'LL KILL YOU, DAMN IT!

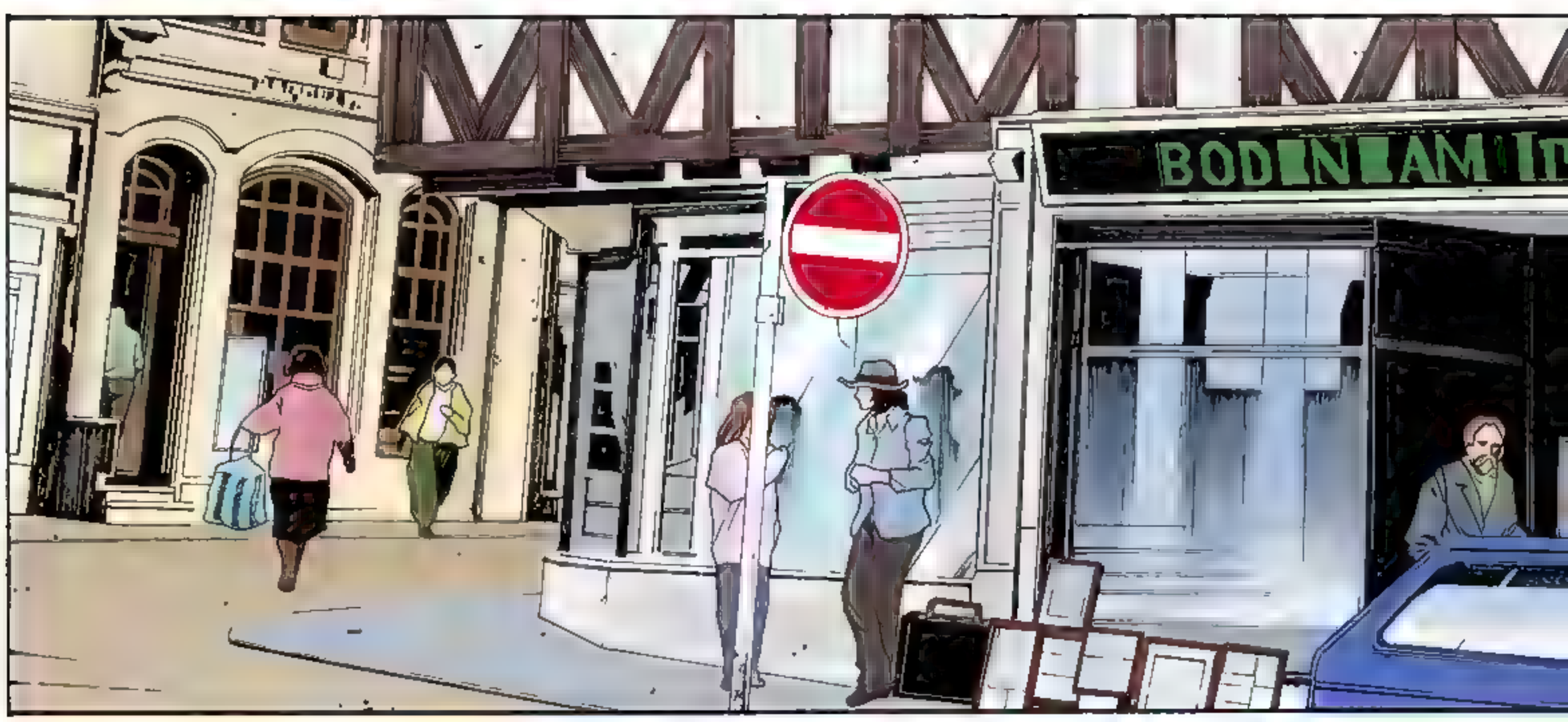
IDIOT, DON'T GO THINKING I'M CRYING!

FIGHT ME ANYTIME YOU WANT.




BUT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO BEAT ME IN THE 20 DAYS LEFT.
I'LL GIVE YOU AS MANY TRIES AS YOU WANT.

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...ONE OF THEM POSSESSED THE POWER OF INDEPENDENT WILL, WILLINGLY REJECTING THE QUEEN'S COMMAND.

OUT OF THE COUNTLESS SOLDIERS THAT WERE BORN...

THE REAL KINGPIN OF THE NGL.

HIS HUMAN NAME WAS GYRO.

HE WAS IN THE SAME TOWN WITH GON AND KILLUA!!

HIS FEELINGS OF MALEVOLENCE AND PURE DETERMINATION WERE SECOND TO NONE.

HE'D LEARNED TO LAY BRICKS AND MIX CONCRETE, BEFORE HE COULD SAY HIS FIRST WORDS. HIS FATHER FORCED HIM TO SLAVE AWAY, UNTIL GYRO FINALLY KILLED HIM AND ESCAPED.

FROM THE DAY HE WAS BORN, GYRO SPENT HIS FIRST 12 YEARS IN A CONSTRUCTION CAMP.

HE WAS ONLY ALLOWED TO RELIEVE HIMSELF TWICE A DAY, ONLY BEFORE 9 P.M.

WHEN GYRO RETURNED FROM WORK, HE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE HIS BED, EXCEPT WHEN USING THE RESTROOM.

AFTER HIS FATHER ONCE SEVERELY BEAT HIM BECAUSE OF THAT NOISE, GYRO LEARNED TO SLEEP WITHOUT MOVING.

THE ROTTING WOOD OF THE BED FRAME CREAKED LOUDLY WHENEVER HE TURNED IN HIS SLEEP. HIS FATHER HATED THAT SOUND.

HE RARELY TALKED TO GYRO, WHO SLEPT ON THE UPPER BUNK. THUS, GYRO BARELY KNEW HOW TO SPEAK BEFORE THE AGE OF 7.

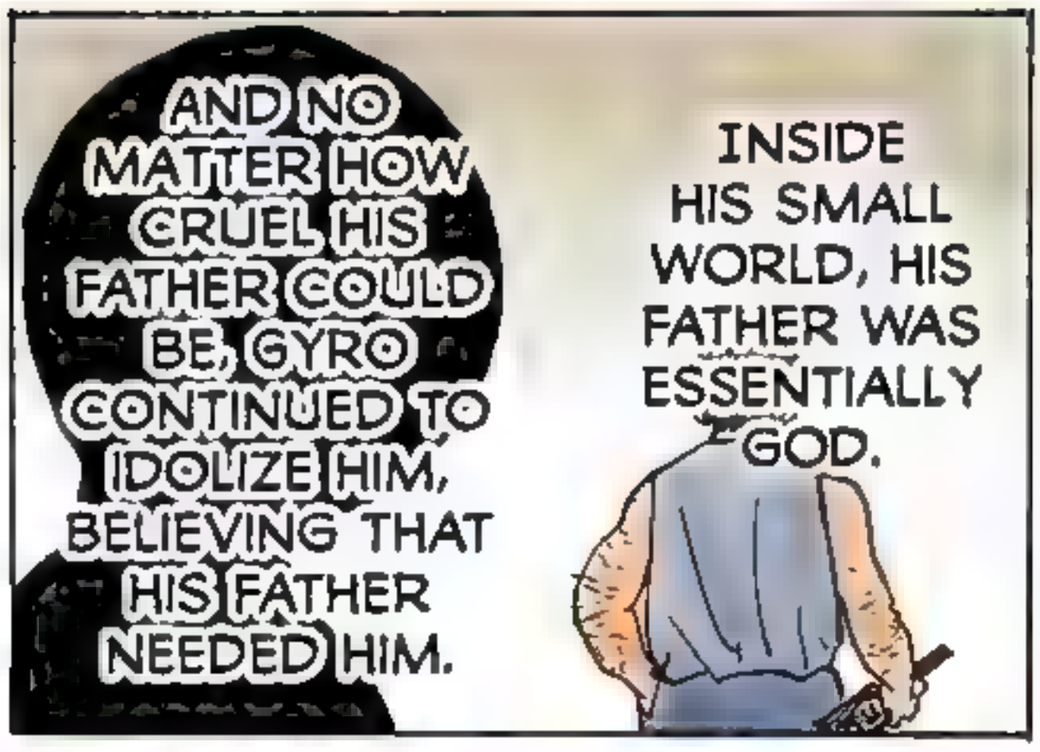
HIS FATHER RAISED GYRO BY HIMSELF. HE WAS A SILENT MAN. WHEN HIS FATHER RETURNED FROM WORK, HE WOULD DRINK CHEAP LIQUOR ALONE UNTIL HE WENT TO BED.

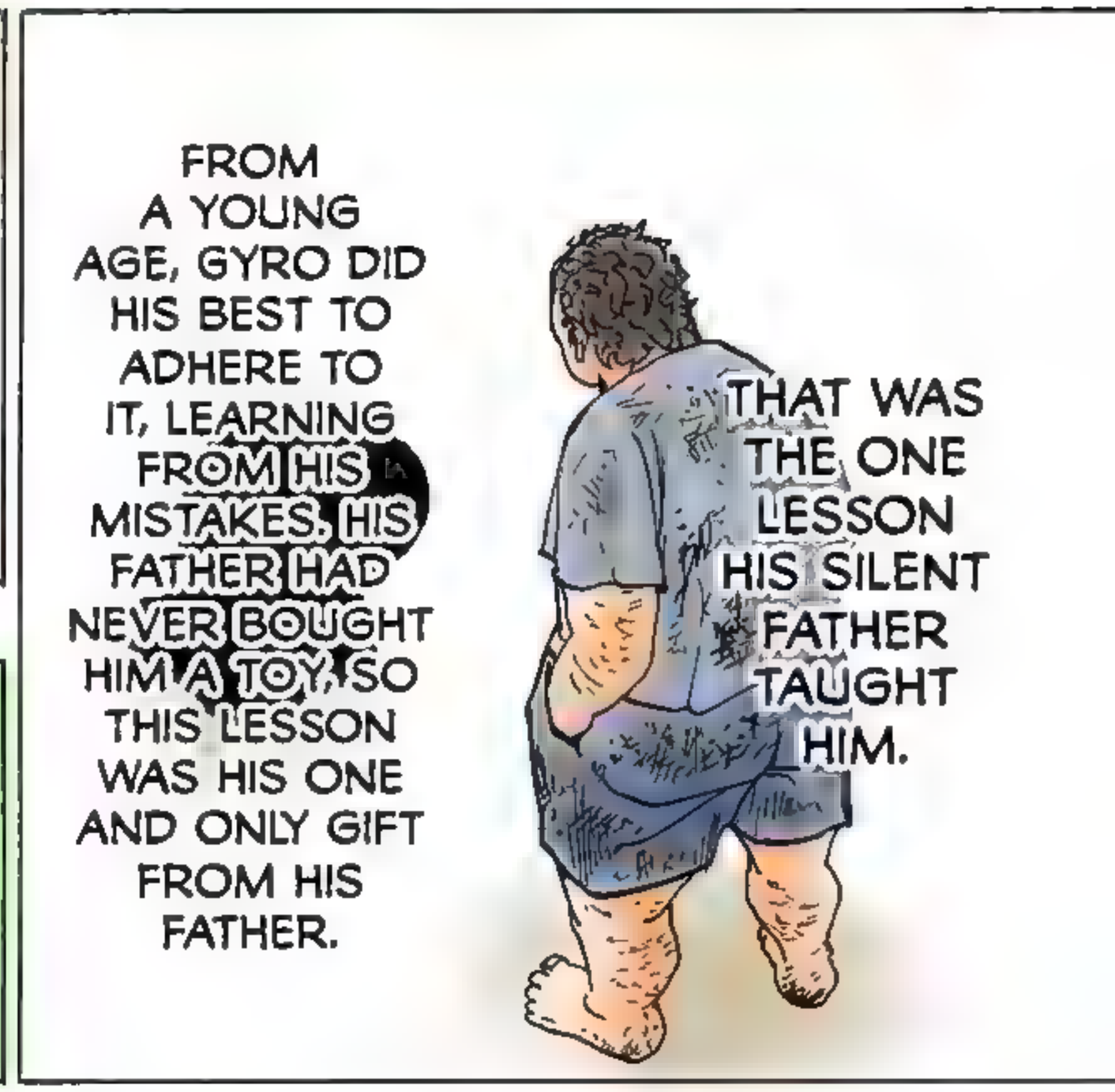
...AND KEPT AN EMPTY LIQUOR BOTTLE FOR WHEN HE JUST COULDN'T HOLD IT.

HE ALSO LEARNED TO HOLD HIS BLADDER AT NIGHT...

No.204 ◆ GYRO'S STORY

"DON'T MAKE TROUBLE FOR OTHERS"





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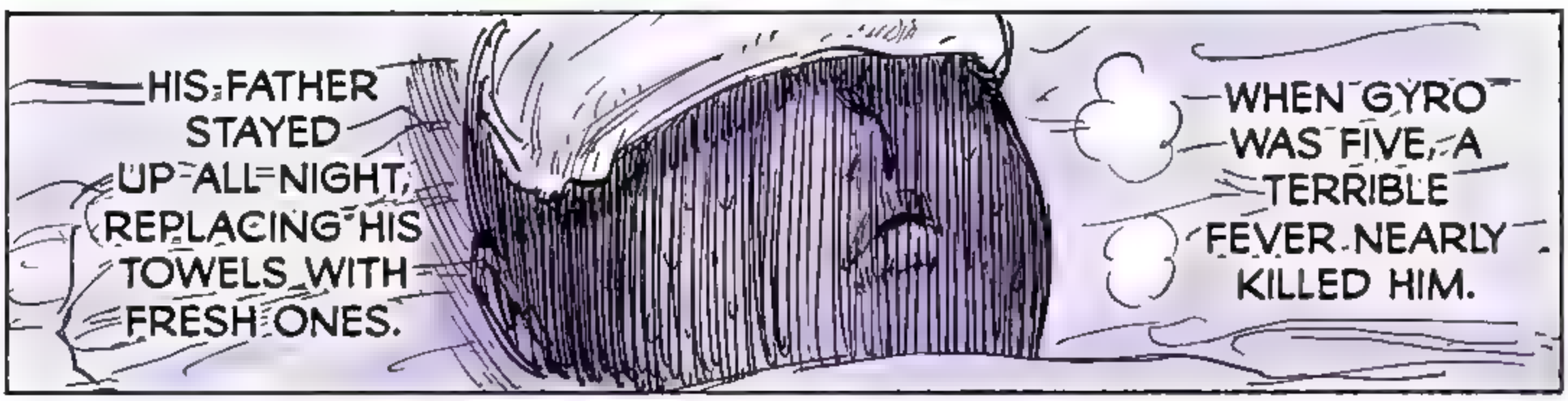
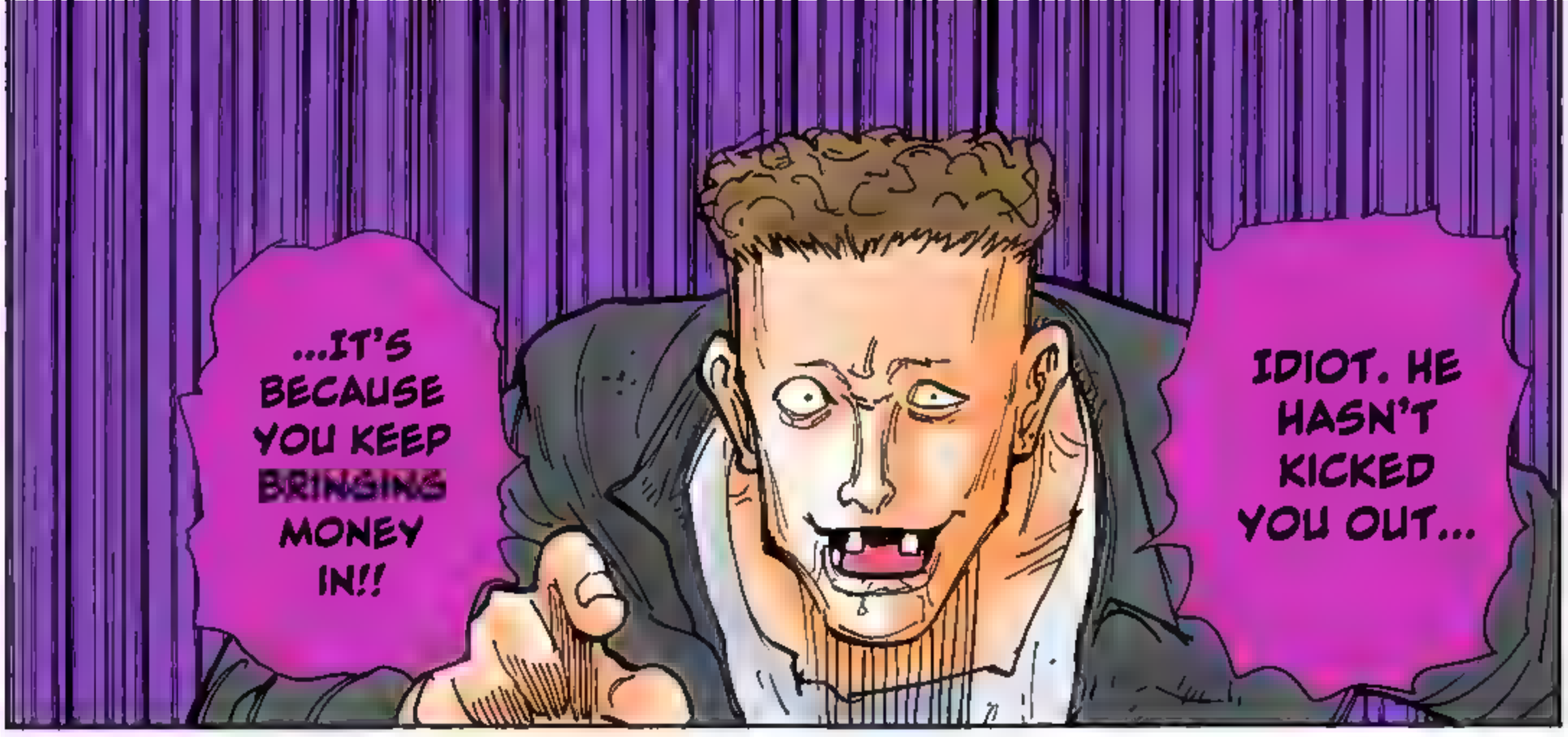
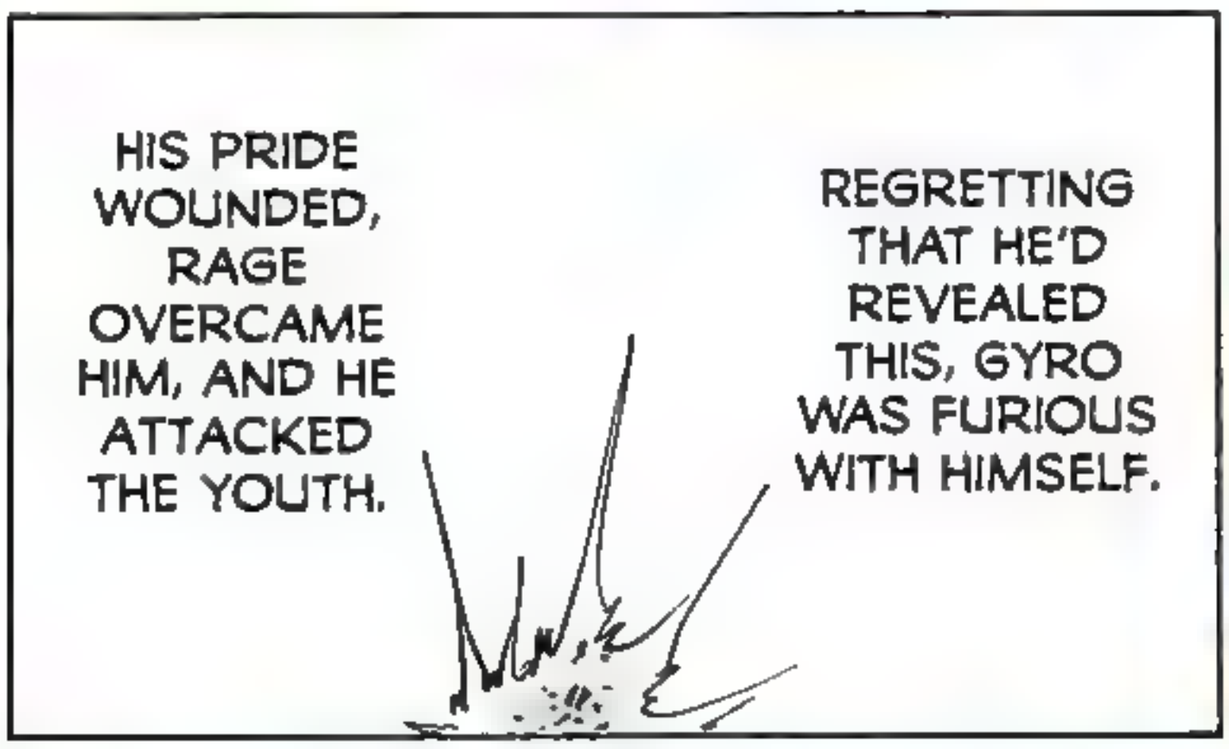
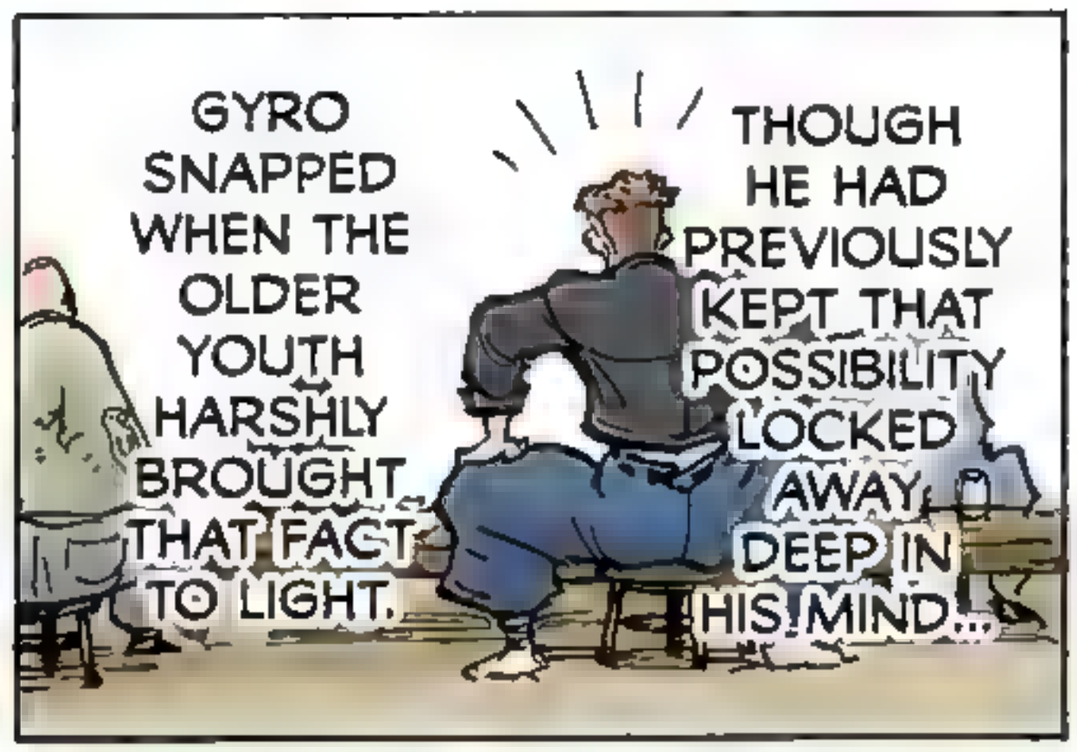
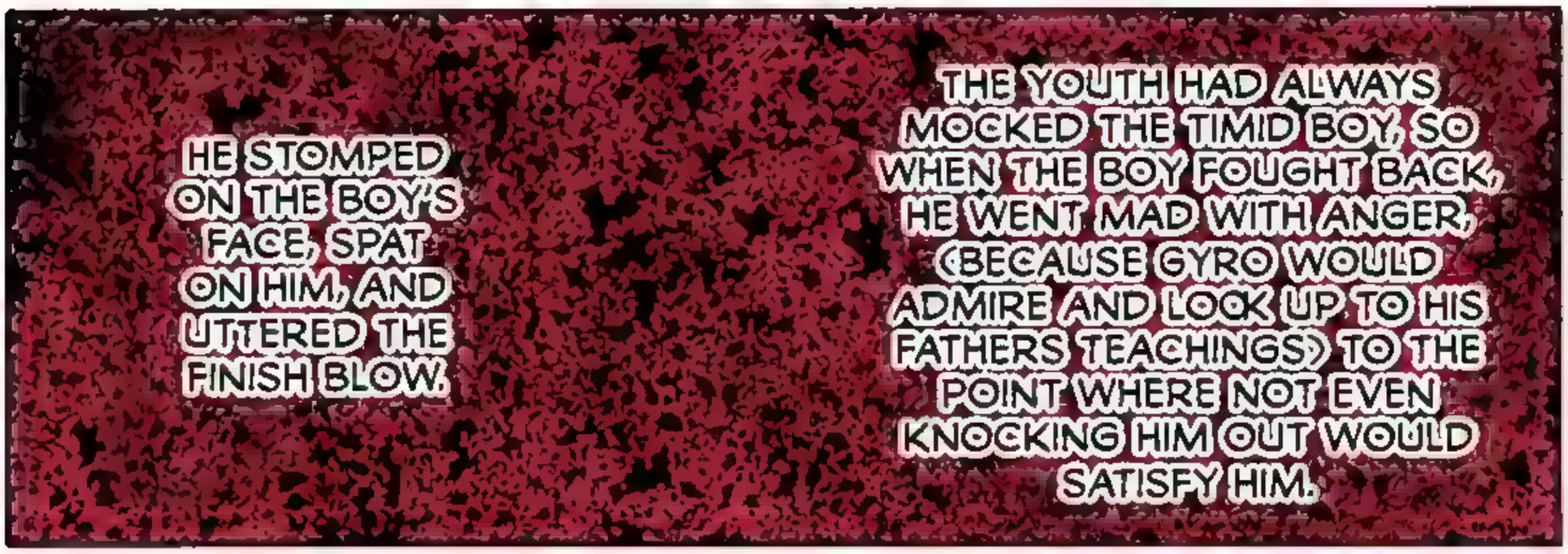


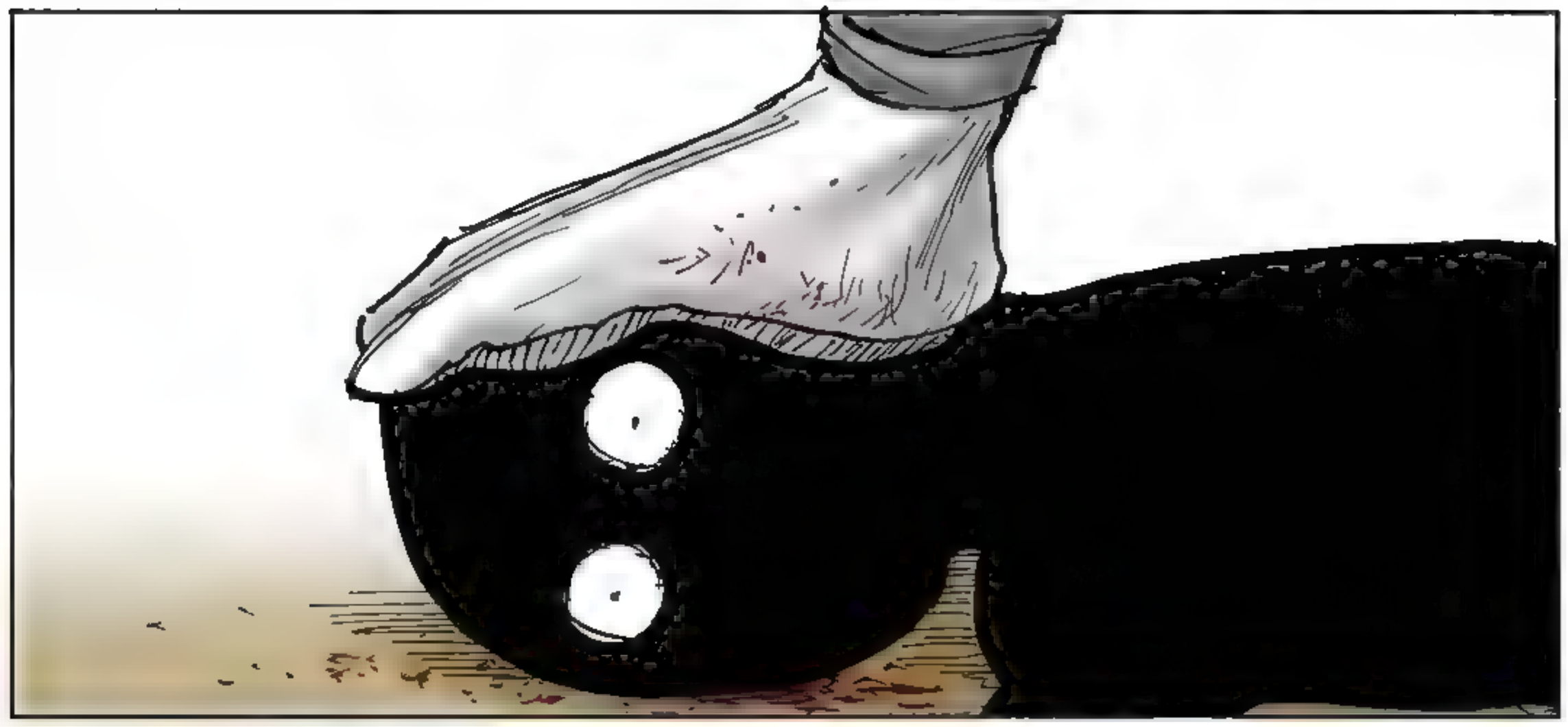

...IT'S BECAUSE YOU KEEP BRINGING MONEY IN!!
IDIOT. HE HASN'T KICKED YOU OUT...

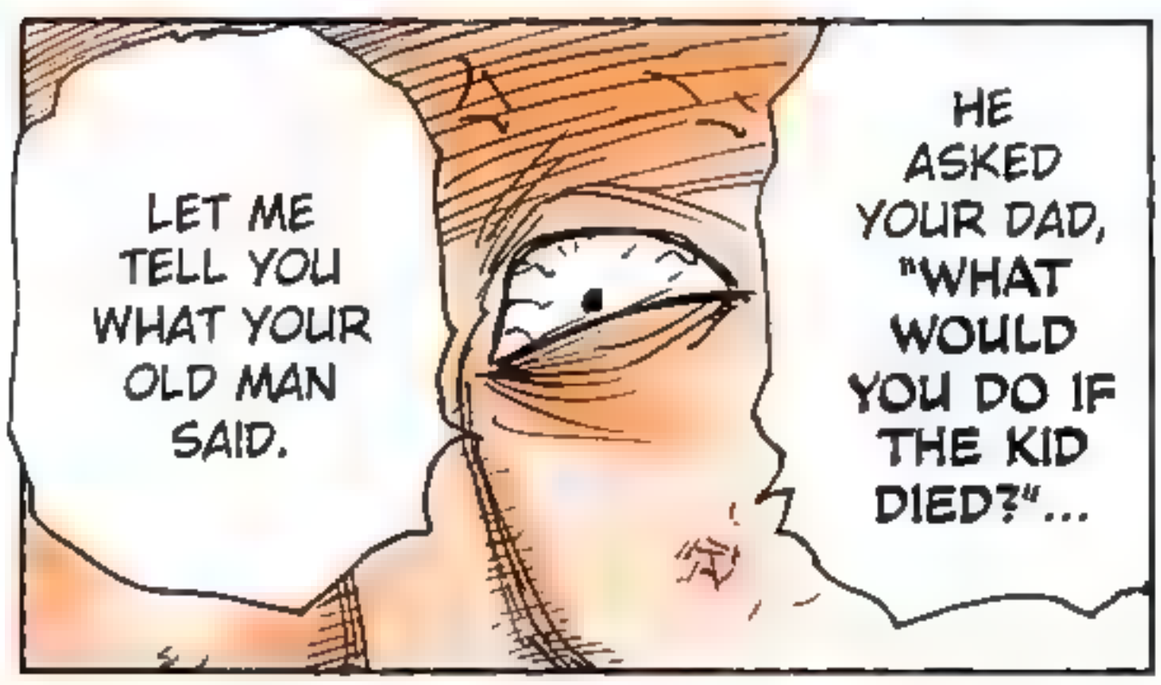

HIS PRIDE WOUNDED, RAGE OVERCAME HIM, AND HE ATTACKED THE YOUTH.
REGRETTING THAT HE'D REVEALED THIS, GYRO WAS FURIOUS WITH HIMSELF.

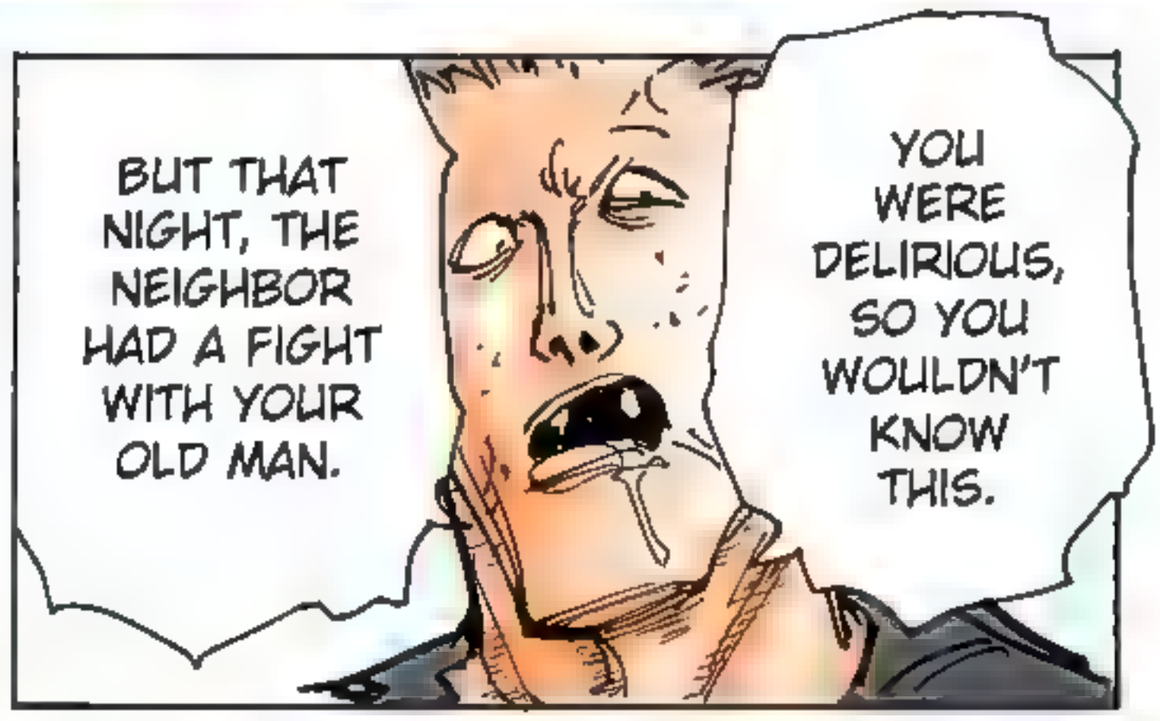

GYRO SNAPPED WHEN THE OLDER YOUTH HARSHLY BROUGHT THAT FACT TO LIGHT.
THOUGH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY KEPT THAT POSSIBILITY LOCKED AWAY DEEP IN HIS MIND...


HE STOMPED ON THE BOY'S FACE, SPAT ON HIM, AND UTTERED THE FINISH BLOW.
THE YOUTH HAD ALWAYS MOCKED THE TIMID BOY, SO WHEN THE BOY FOUGHT BACK, HE WENT MAD WITH ANGER, (BECAUSE GYRO WOULD ADMIRE AND LOOK UP TO HIS FATHERS TEACHINGS) TO THE POINT WHERE NOT EVEN KNOCKING HIM OUT WOULD SATISFY HIM.

YOUR OLD MAN WAS DRINKING BY HIMSELF LIKE HE ALWAYS DOES!!
WHEN YOU WERE SICK, IT WAS THE NEIGHBOR THAT TOOK CARE OF YOU!!





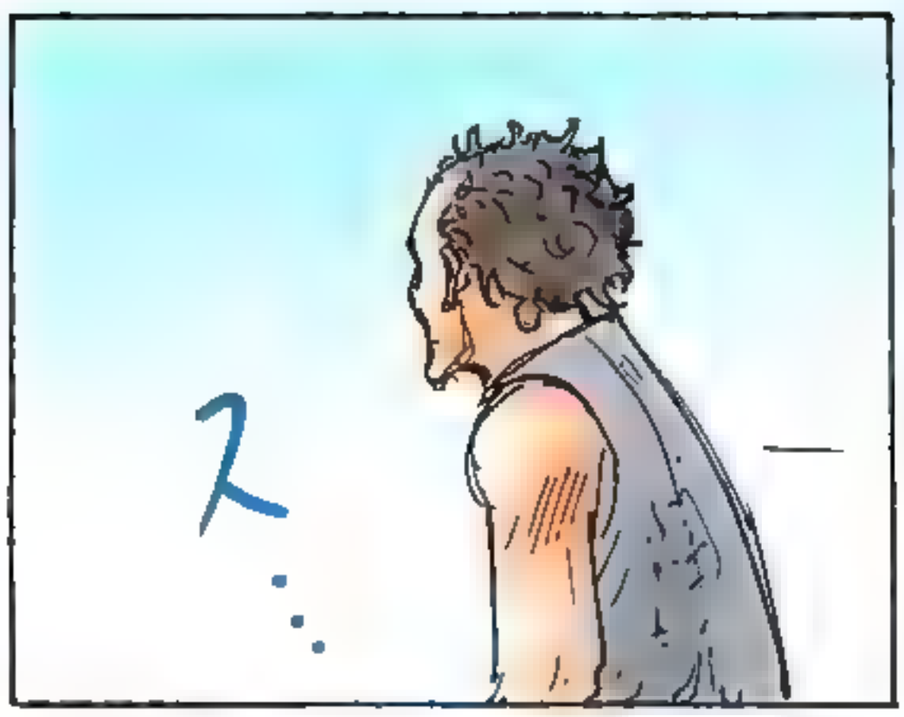


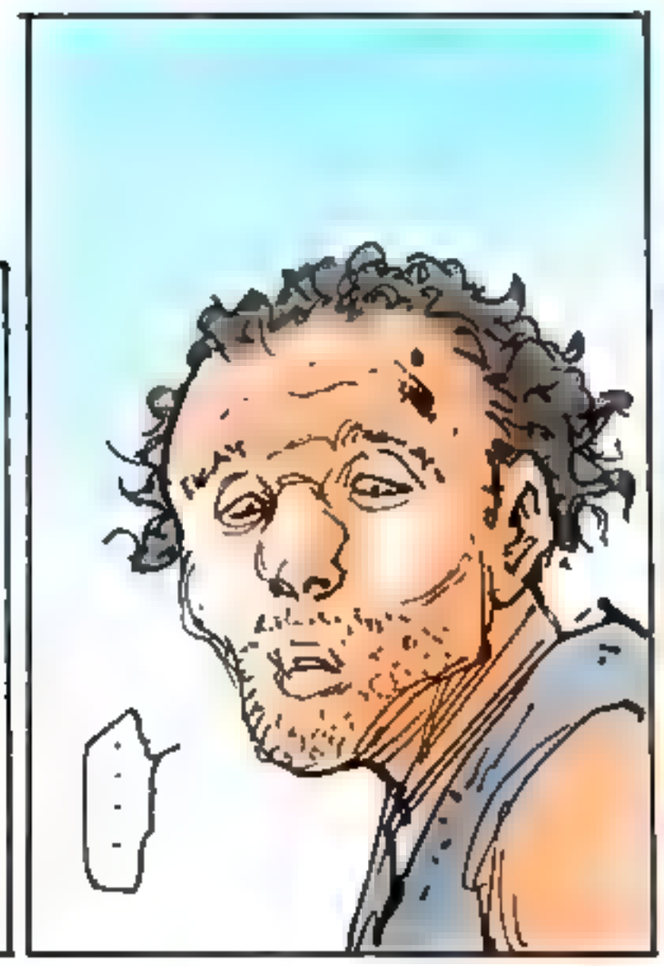
...HE WITNESSED SOMETHING INCONCEIVABLE.

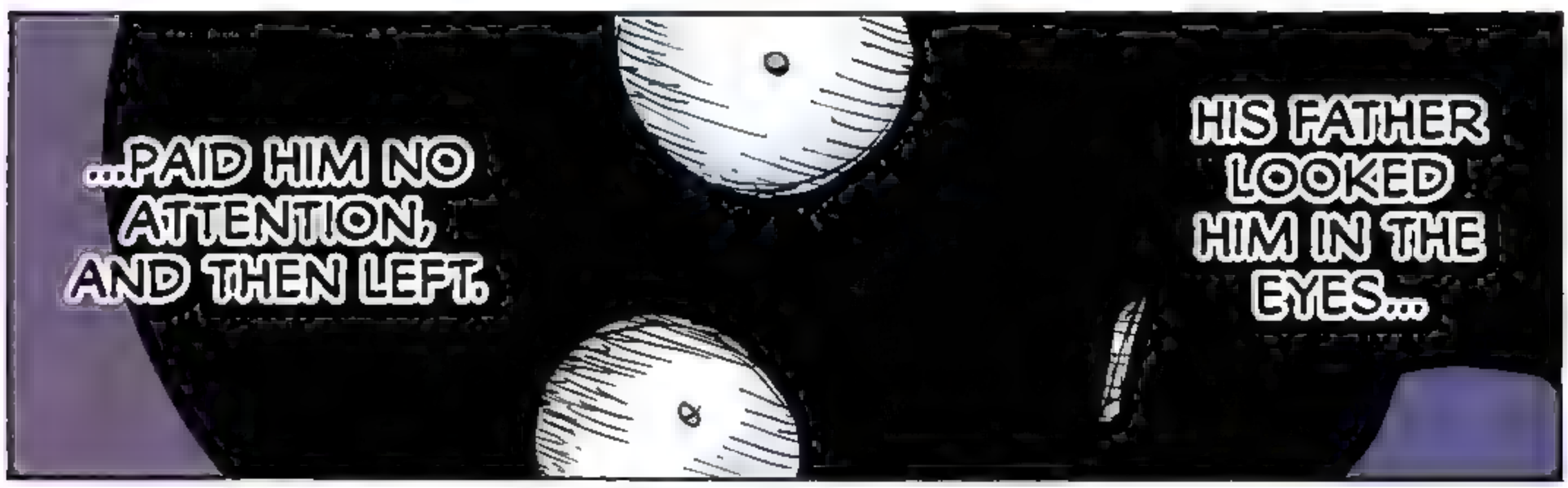
HA HA HA HA!

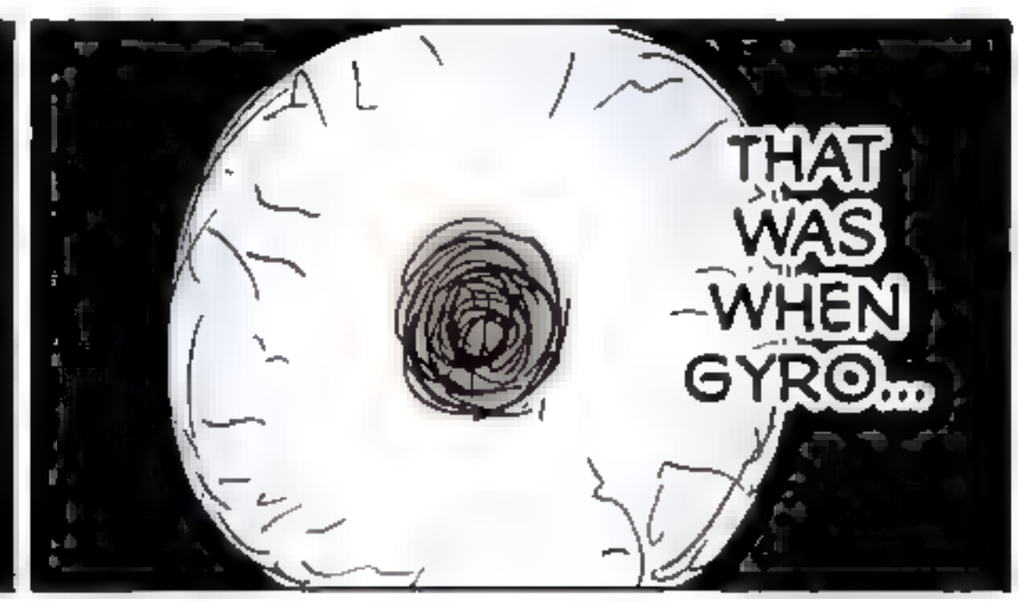
YOU HEAR THAT?

AS GYRO LISTENED TO THE YOUTH...

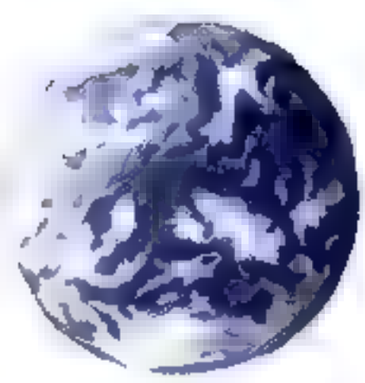








...DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ME.



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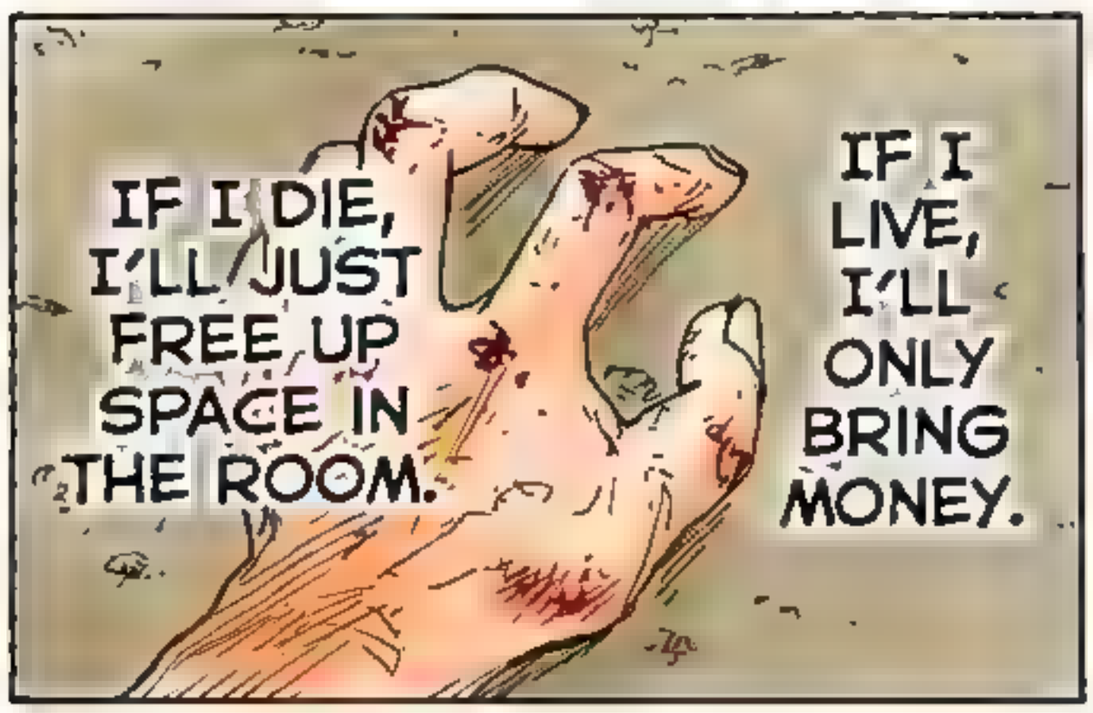
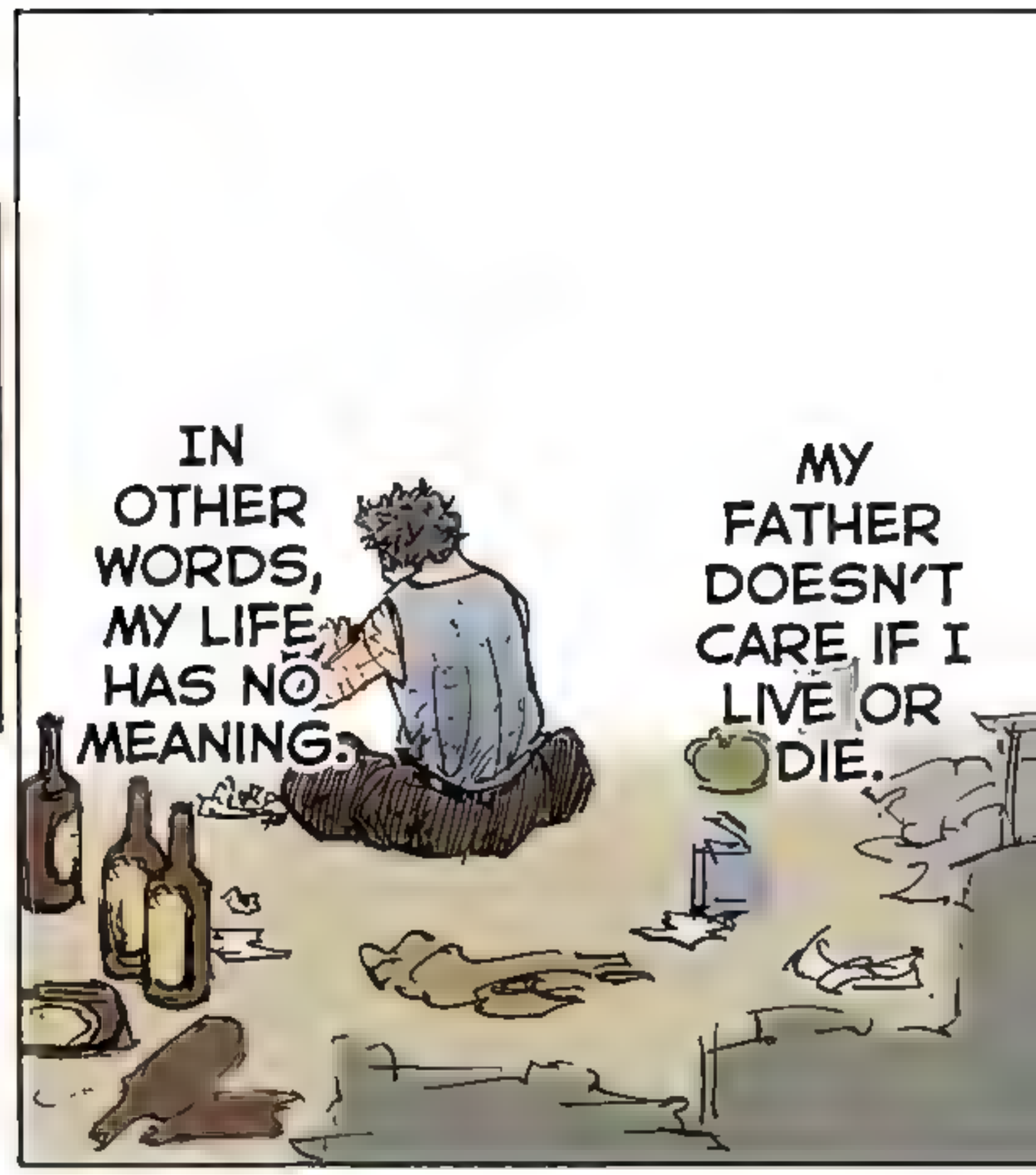
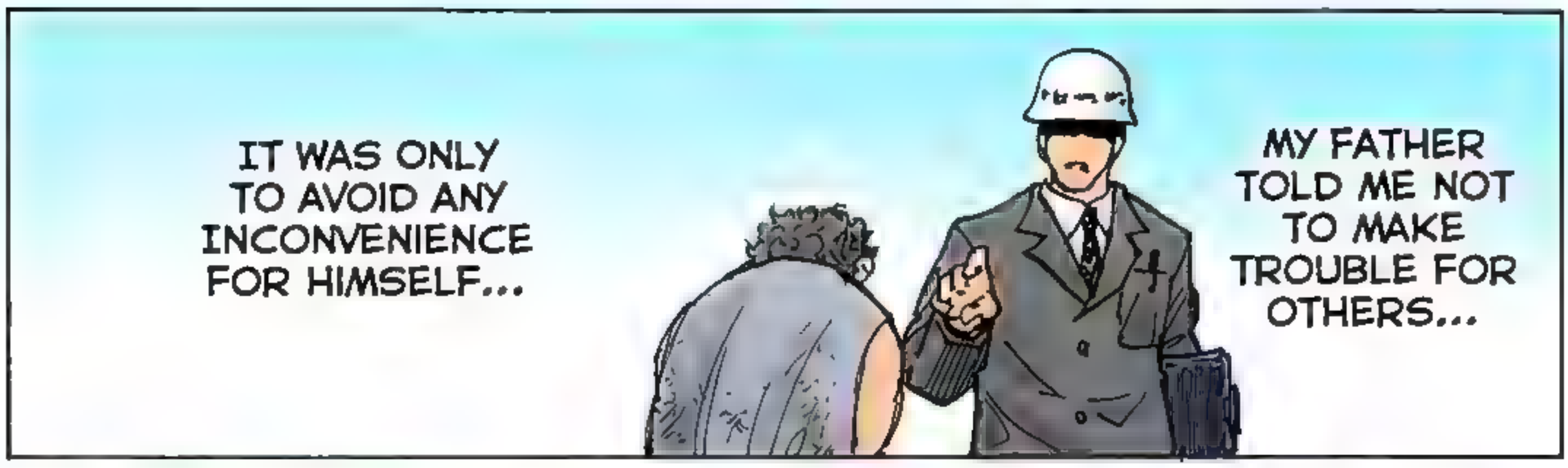
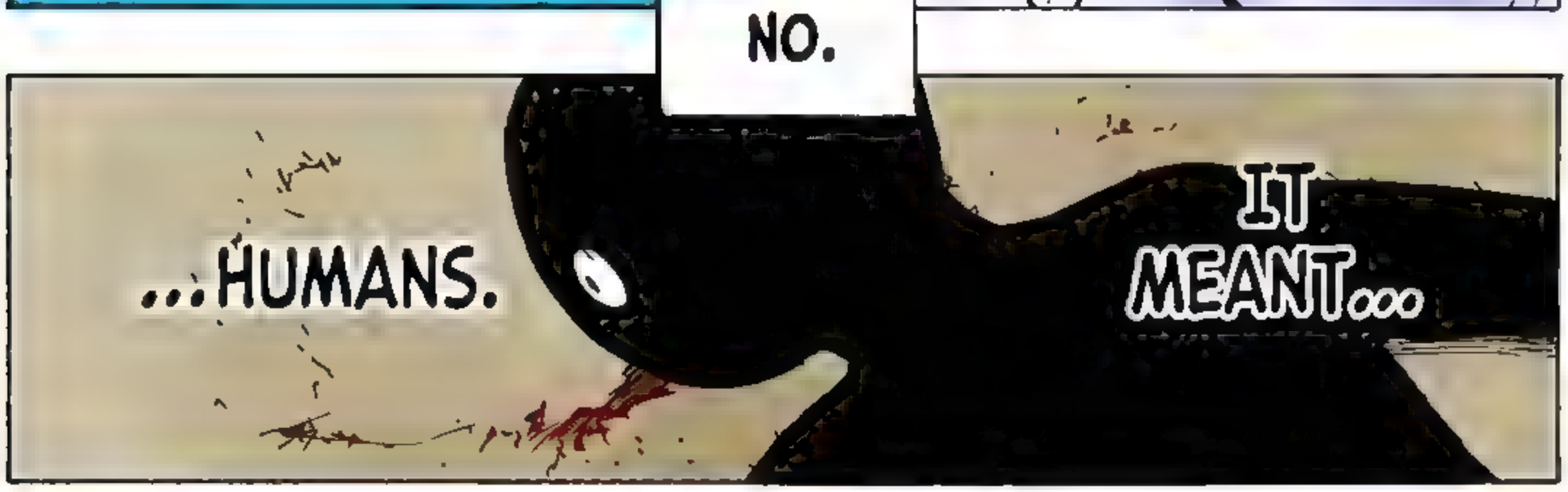

IF I DIE, I'LL JUST FREE UP SPACE IN THE ROOM.
IF I LIVE, I'LL ONLY BRING MONEY.

THAT IS ALL.

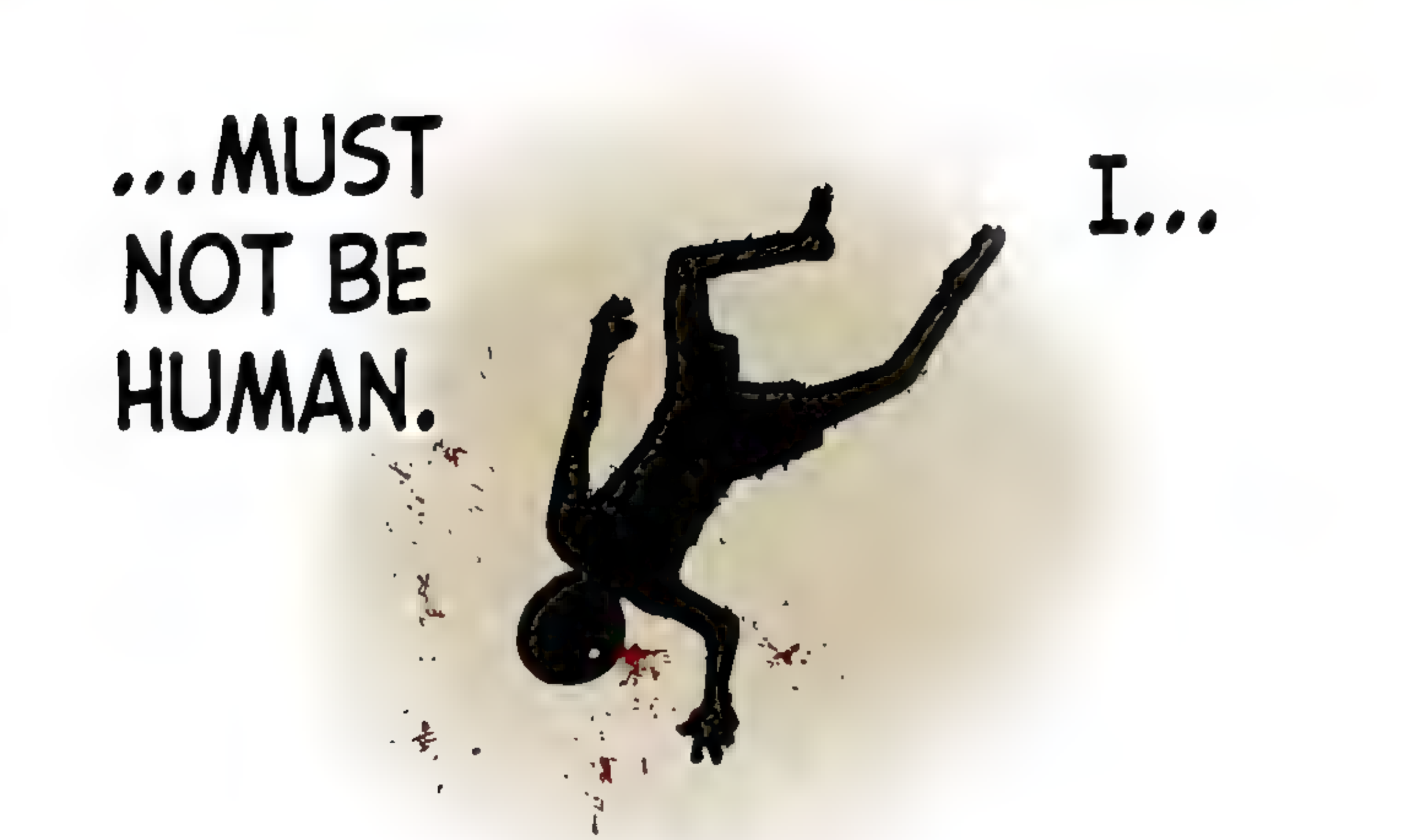

IN OTHER WORDS, MY LIFE HAS NO MEANING.
MY FATHER DOESN'T CARE IF I LIVE OR DIE.


IT WAS ONLY TO AVOID ANY INCONVENIENCE FOR HIMSELF...
MY FATHER TOLD ME NOT TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR OTHERS...

OTHERS...
...MEANT MY FATHER.
IT WAS 100% FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT.
THOSE WORDS WERE NEVER MEANT TO HELP HIS SON.


NO.
...HUMANS.
IT MEANT...

"DON'T MAKE TROUBLE FOR HUMANS"



HE WENT UP TO HIS FATHER WHO WAS DRINKING IN HIS ROOM, AND SMASHED HIS SKULL IN, TOOK THE MONEY, AND LEFT THE COMMUNE.

EVENTUALLY, THE BOY STOOD UP, AND GRABBED A NEARBY HAMMER.

NINE YEARS AFTER THAT, IT BECAME A NATION, WITH HIM AS ITS KING.

NINE YEARS LATER, GYRO FOUNDED THE NGL.

...GYRO HAS COMPLETELY DISCONCEREND HIMSELF WITH HUMANITY.

BUT NOW...

THE D² DRUG WAS MERELY THE FIRST STEP. THERE WAS PLENTY MORE HE HAD PLANNED OUT.

GYRO WANTED ONLY TO SPREAD EVIL THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD.

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO START FROM SQUARE ONE...

GYRO WAS NOT IN A HURRY.

HIS TIME SPENT UNDER THAT CONSTRUCTION CAMP MADE HIM THINK LOGICALLY AND PRODUCTIVELY.

PREPARATIONS WERE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE MAJOR UNDERTAKINGS.

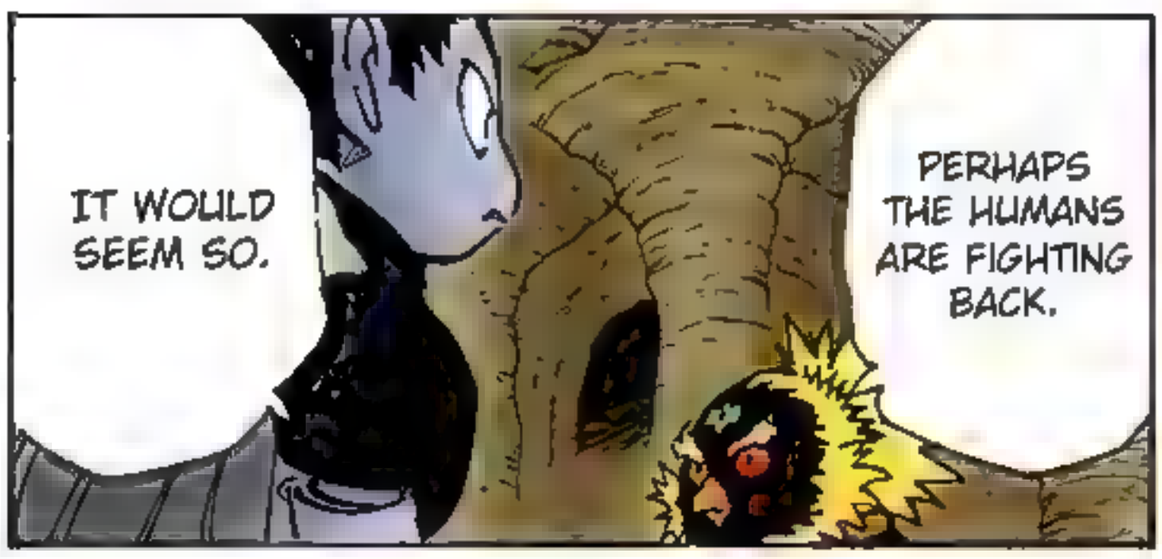
HE LEFT THE QUEEN'S DOMAIN BECAUSE HIS PRIDE STILL CONSIDERED HIM KING.

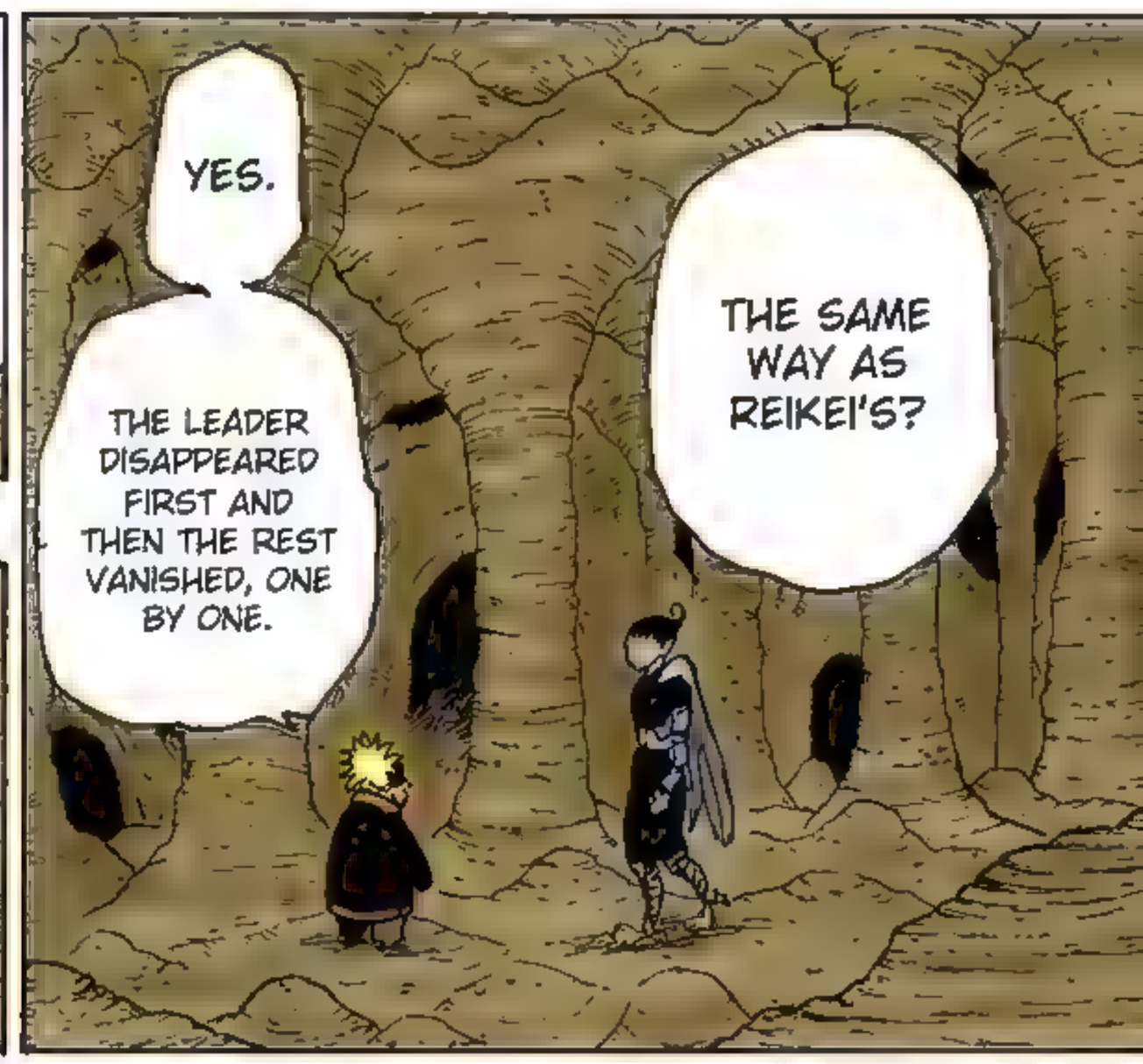
HIS DETERMINATION AND TENACITY DIDN'T STOP HIM FROM FORGETTING HE WAS A HUMAN. IN A SENSE, IT WAS AS IF HE WAS SIMPLY REBORNED AS GYRO.

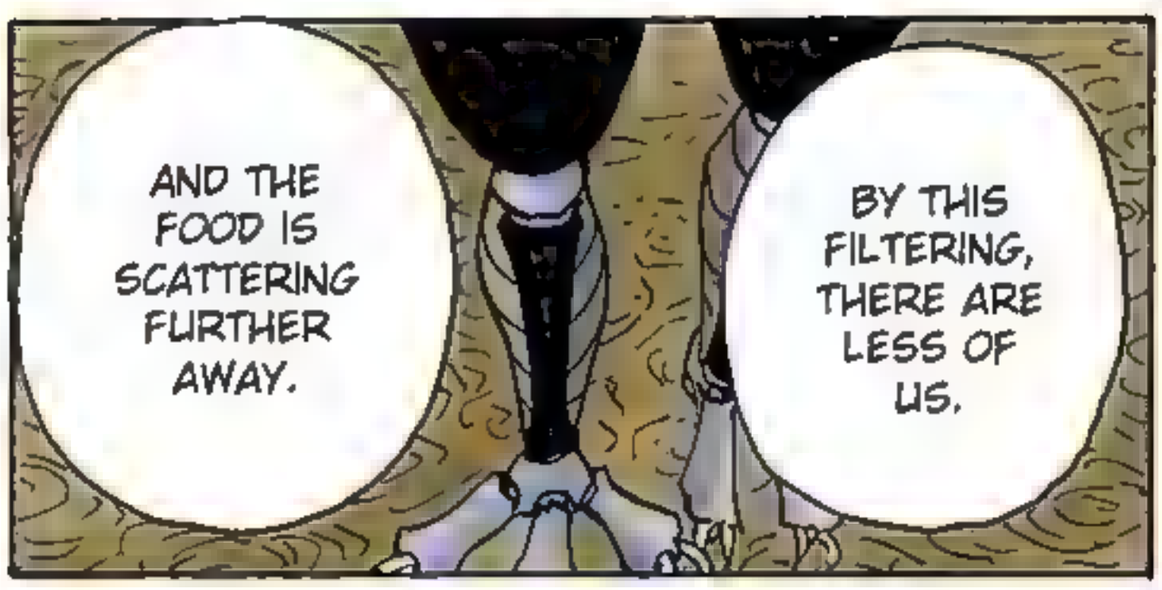
WHETHER THIS PROVED TO BE FORTUNATE OR NOT FOR BOTH OF THEM, IT WILL BE KNOWN UNTIL THEY ULTIMATELY MEET.

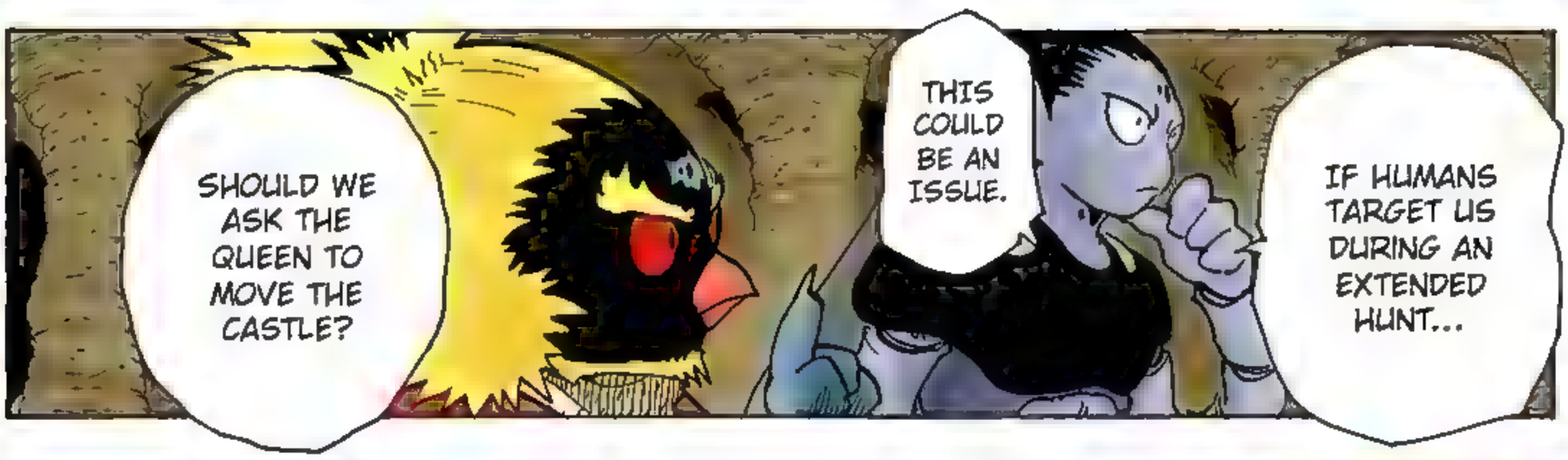
GON AND GYRO DIDN'T END UP ENCOUNTERING ONE ANOTHER, SO GYRO LEFT TOWN AND DISAPPEARED.

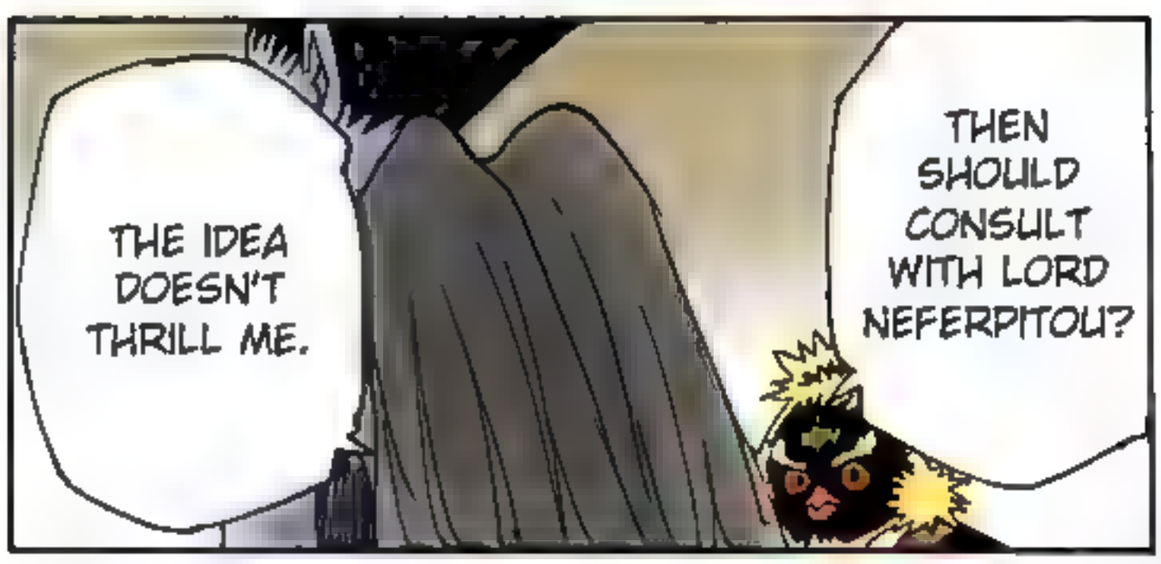
CHIONA'S SQUADRON IS MISSING?

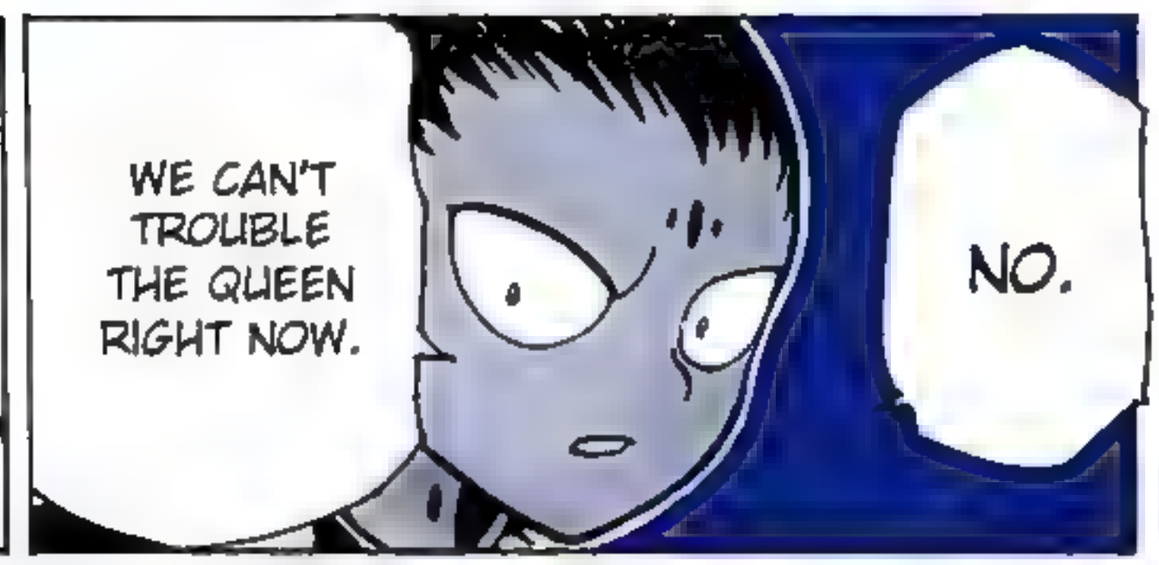


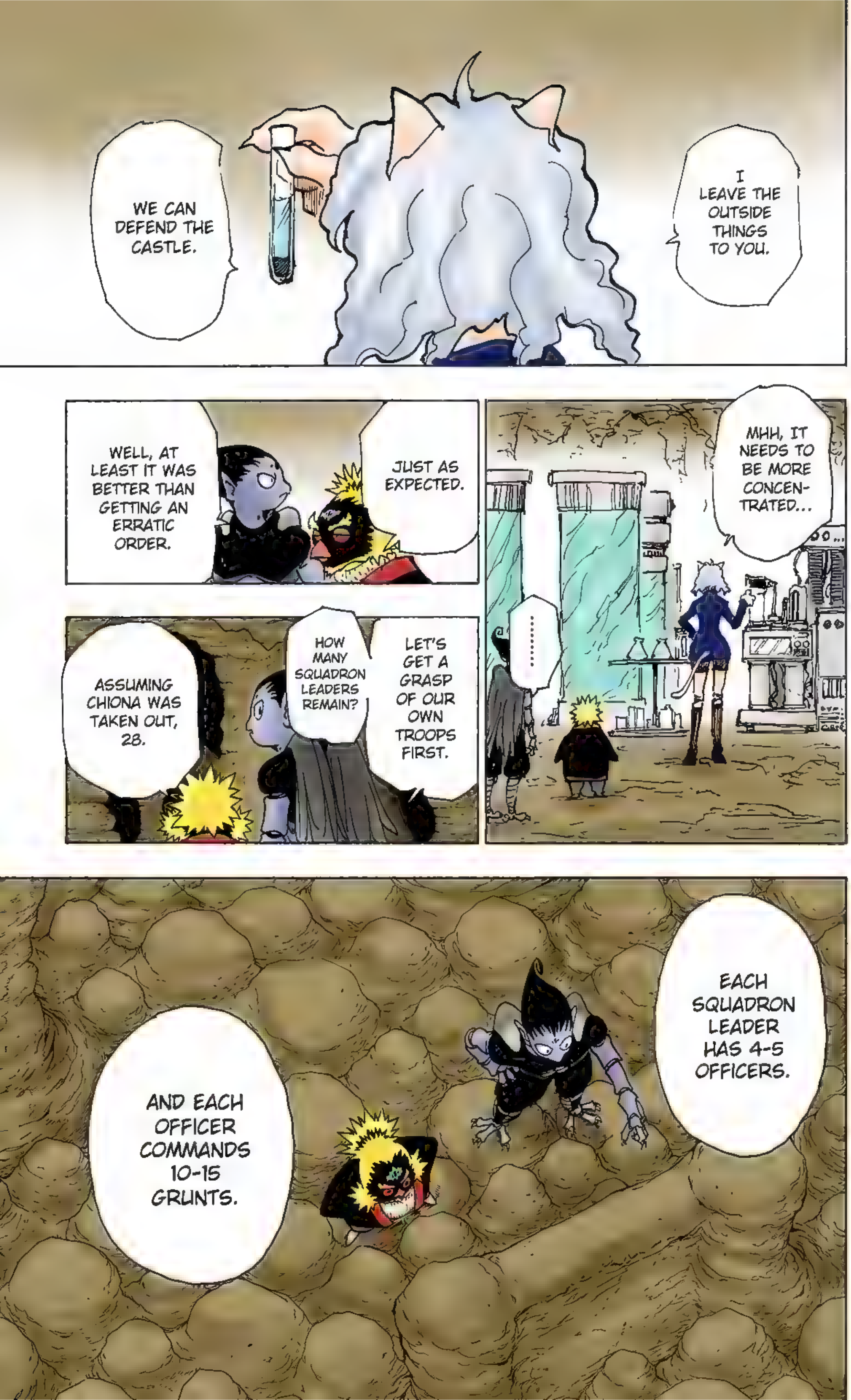






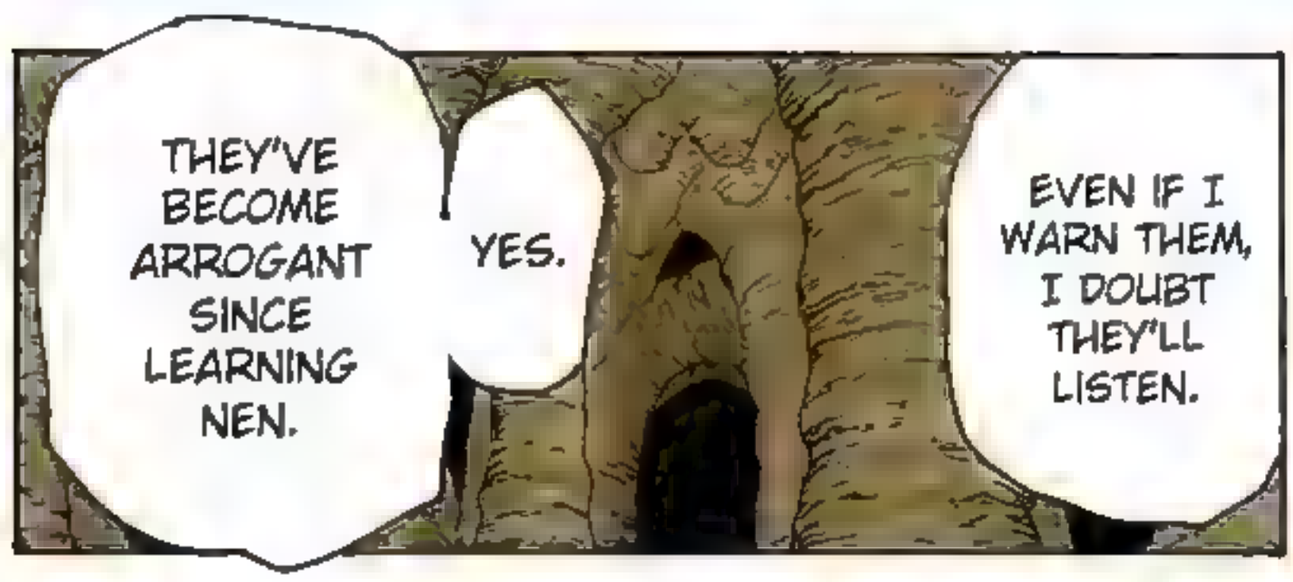


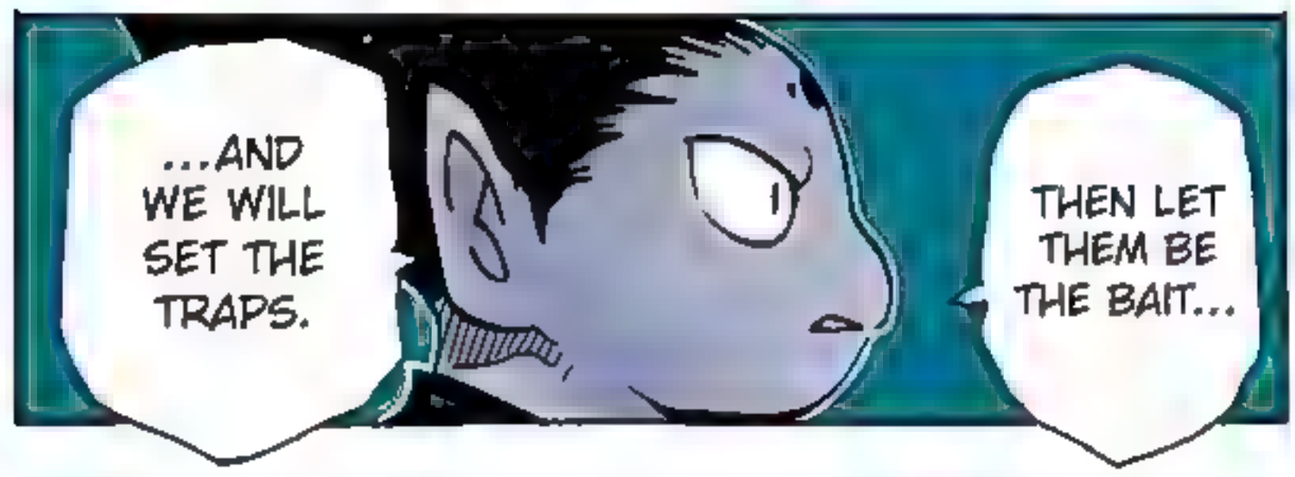


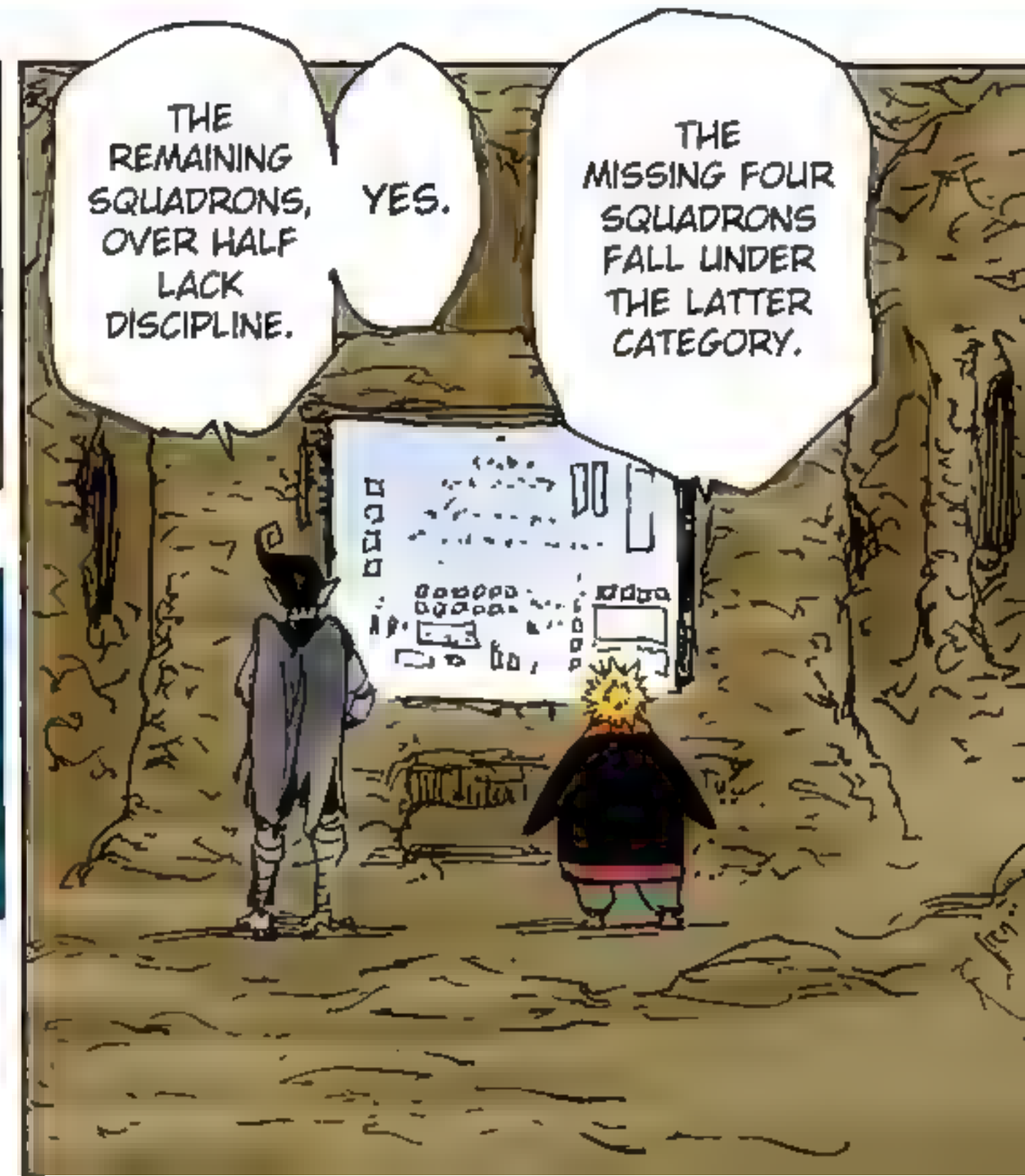

WE CAN DEFEND THE CASTLE.
I LEAVE THE OUTSIDE THINGS TO YOU.
WELL, AT LEAST IT WAS BETTER THAN GETTING AN ERRATIC ORDER.
JUST AS EXPECTED.
MHH, IT NEEDS TO BE MORE CONCEN-TRATED...
.....
ASSUMING CHIONA WAS TAKEN OUT, 28.
HOW MANY SQUADRON LEADERS REMAIN?
LET'S GET A GRASP OF OUR OWN TROOPS FIRST.
AND EACH OFFICER COMMANDS 10-15 GRUNTS.
EACH SQUADRON LEADER HAS 4-5 OFFICERS.

SOME SQUADRONS ARE UNDER TIGHT CONTROL.

...BUT MANY DO AS THEY PLEASE.

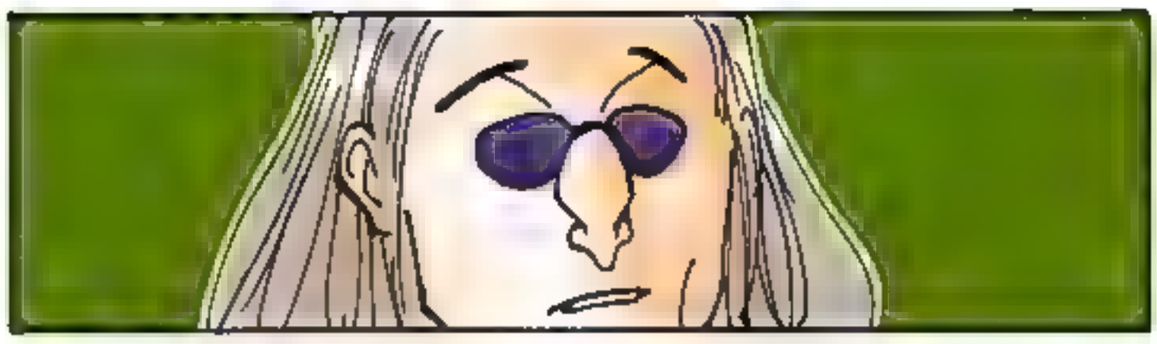






WELL, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT PLAN.

...I'D SAY THAT'S THE STRATEGY THEY'D COME UP WITH BY NOW.



THE ORGANIZED AND LAX TROOPS WILL PROBABLY PAIR INTO TEAMS FROM NOW ON.

IF WE LEAVE THE ORGANIZED TROOPS FOR LATER, THEY MIGHT BAND TOGETHER AND CAUSE TROUBLE FOR US.

ACTUALLY, I THINK IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO TANGLE WITH A TRAP ONCE IN A WHILE.

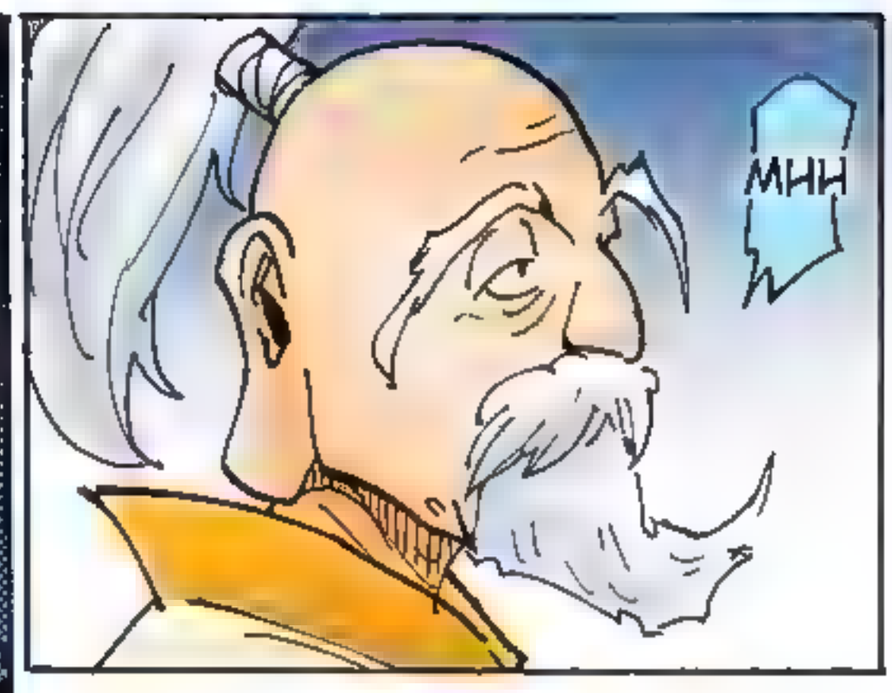
GOT IT, KNOV AND I CAN EASILY SEPARATE OUT THE "BAIT" FROM THE "TRAPS".

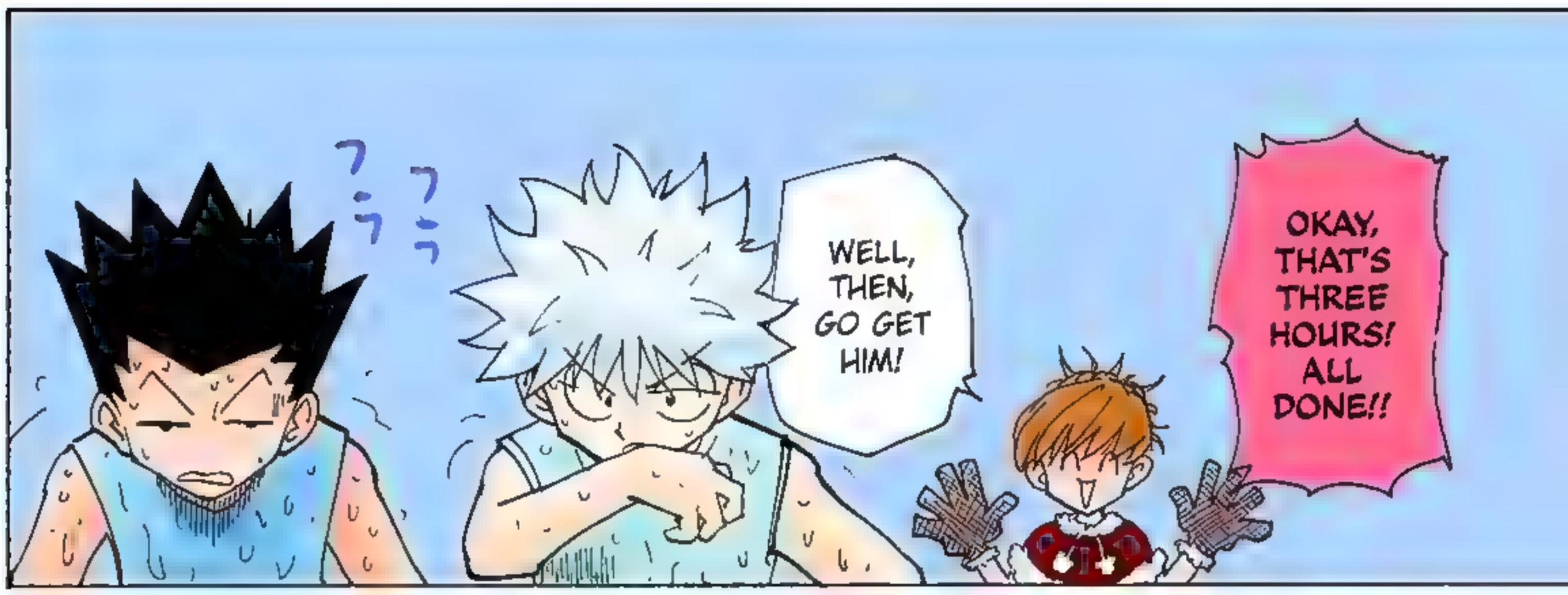
IF IT ALL GOES WELL, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE ANOTHER 3 OR 4 SQUADS, WE CAN ALREADY ANTICIPATE THEIR NEXT MOVE.

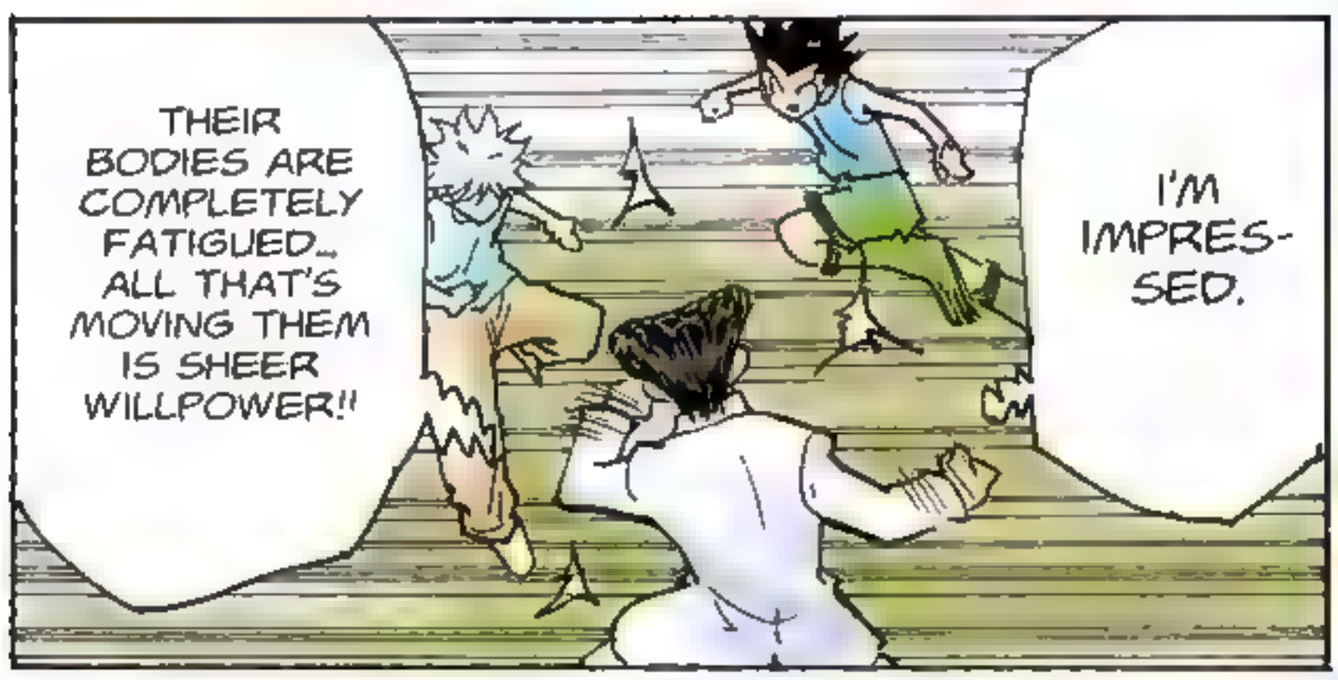
IF WE LAUNCH AN INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK, IT WILL RESULT IN CHAOS.

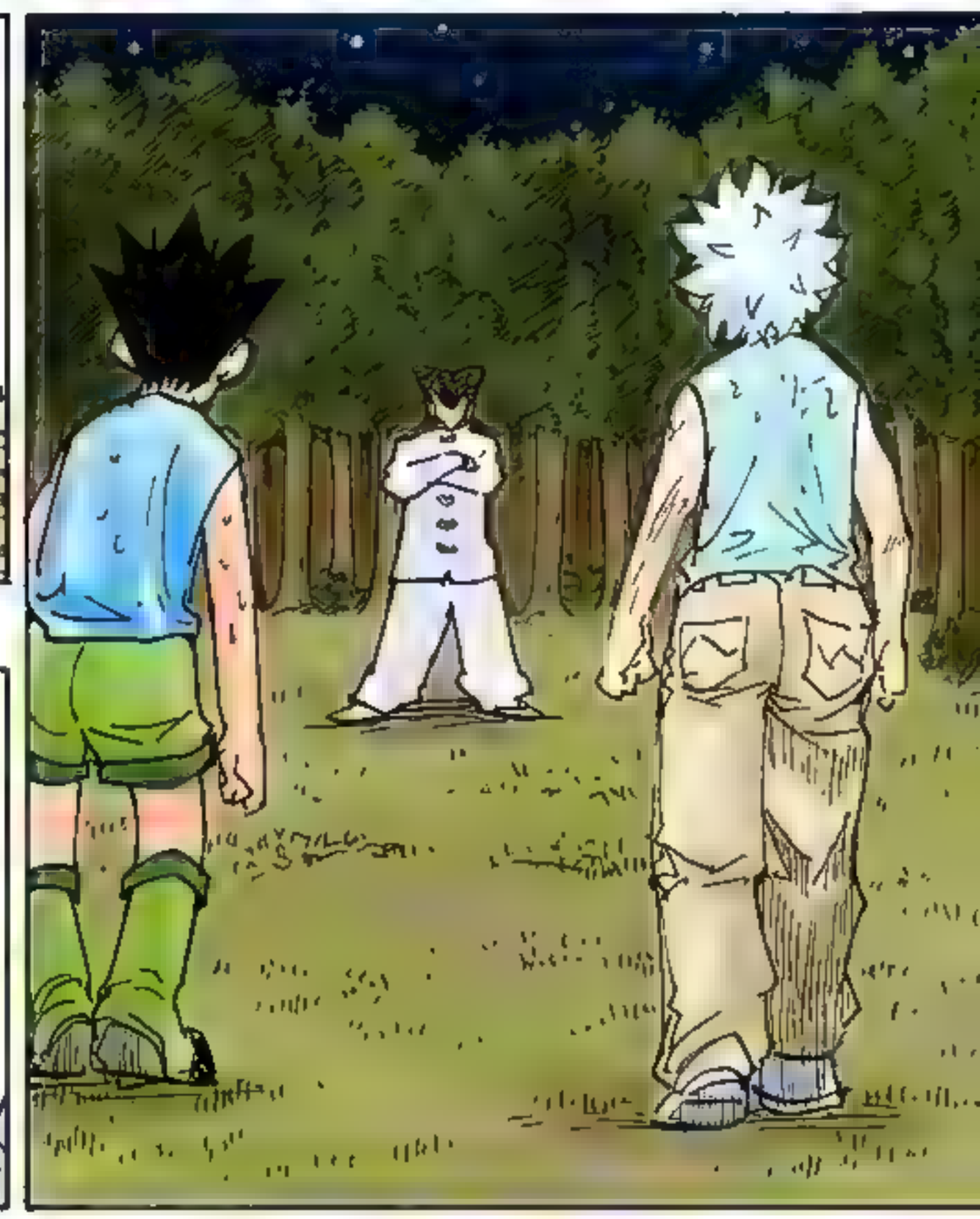
IF ALL GOES WELL, WE'LL FINISH UP BEFORE REINFOR-CEMENTS ARRIVE.

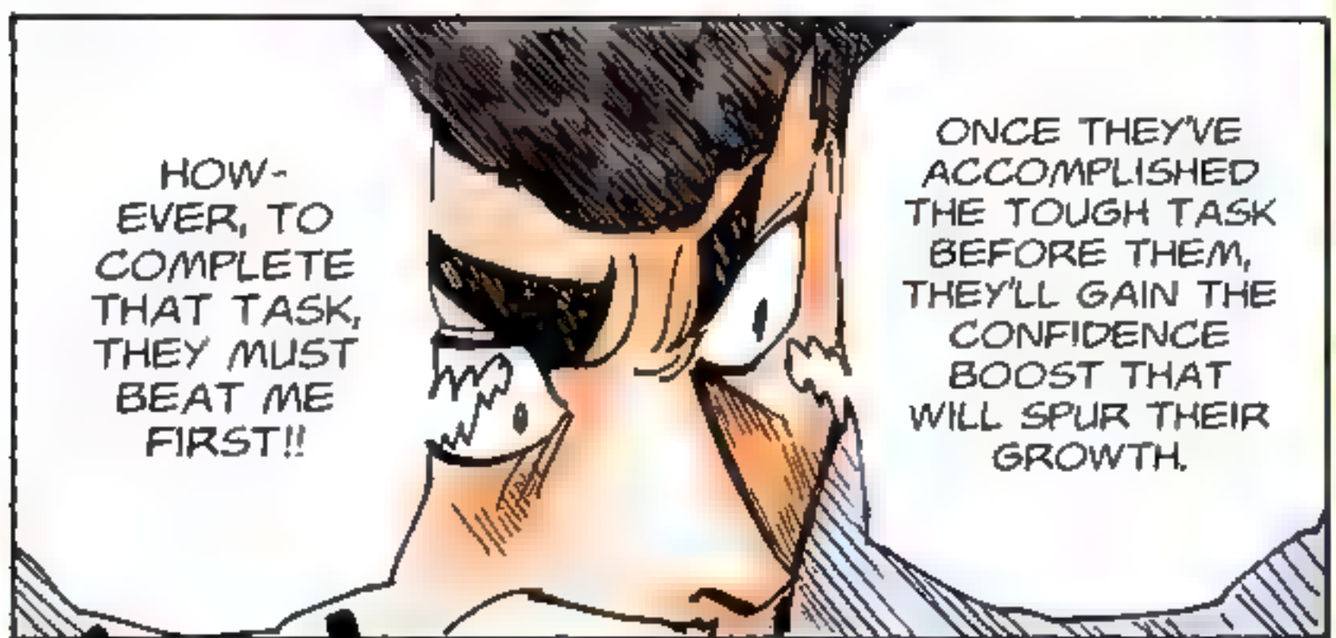
BEFORE THE ENEMY COMES UP WITH THEIR NEXT PLAN...




WELL, THEN, GO GET HIM!
OKAY, THAT'S THREE HOURS! ALL DONE!!


THEIR BODIES ARE COMPLETELY FATIGUED... ALL THAT'S MOVING THEM IS SHEER WILLPOWER!!
I'M IMPRES-SED.




HOW-EVER, TO COMPLETE THAT TASK, THEY MUST BEAT ME FIRST!!
ONCE THEY'VE ACCOMPLISHED THE TOUGH TASK BEFORE THEM, THEY'LL GAIN THE CONFIDENCE BOOST THAT WILL SPUR THEIR GROWTH.

...ON MY WATCH !!
AND THAT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN...

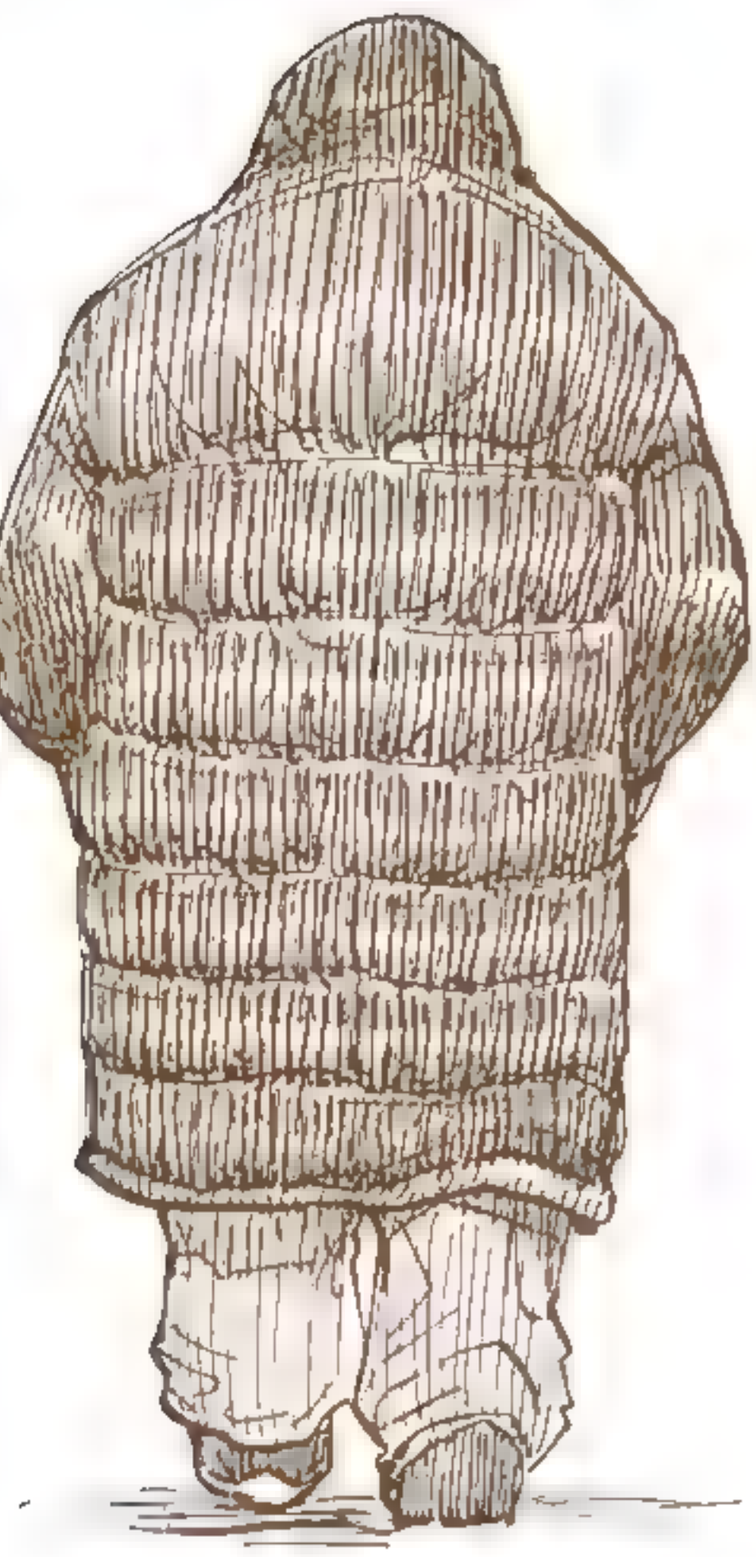
COME ON! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?!

I'D DOUBT HE'D SELL ME OUT, BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIS TONGUE TO SLIP.

GIVEN KNUCKLES PERSONALITY, I'D SAY HE'S ALREADY BEEN WON OVER.

BEFORE THAT HAPPENS...

MY CHANCE WILL COME AFTER THOSE TWO LEAVE...



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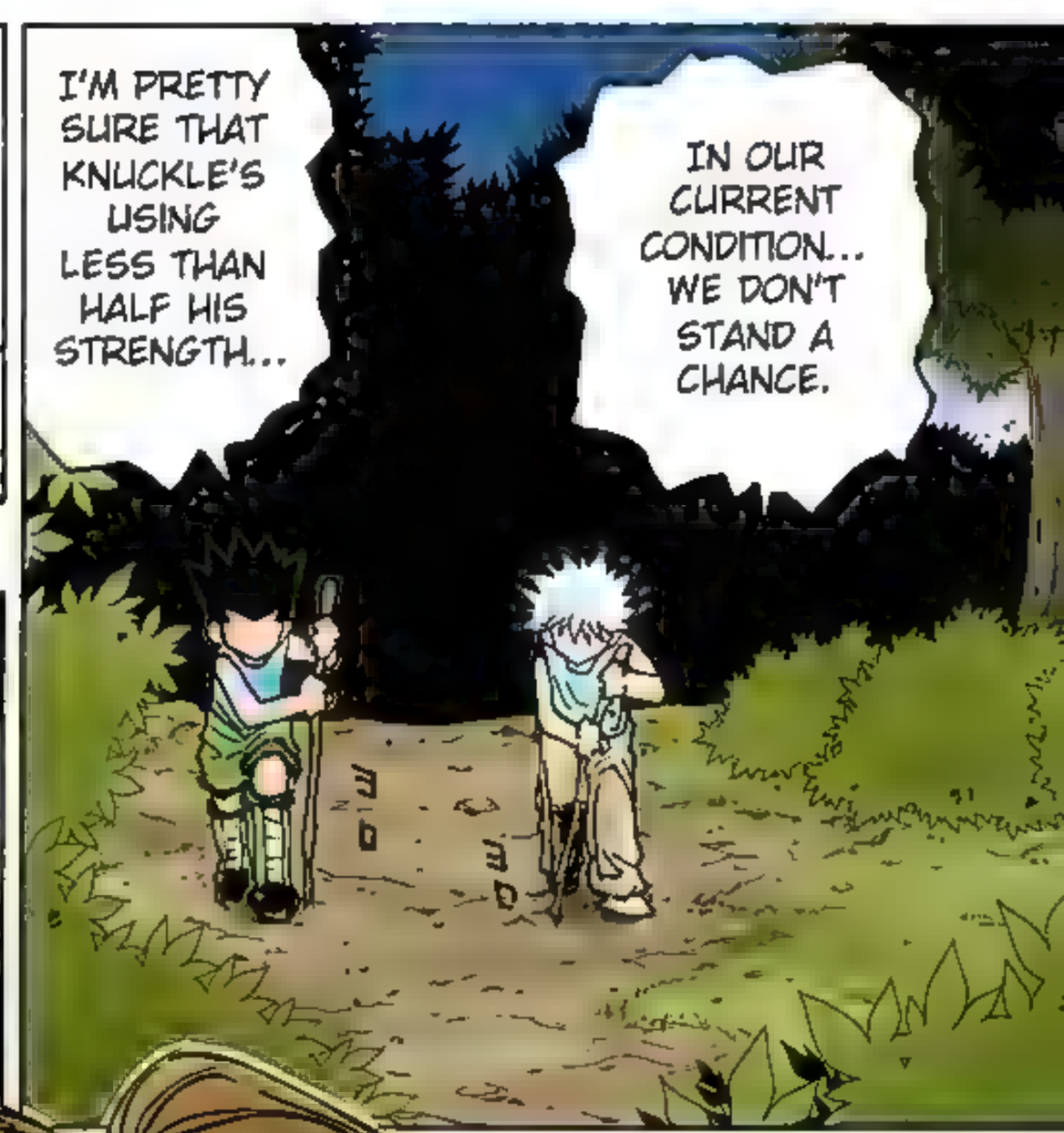

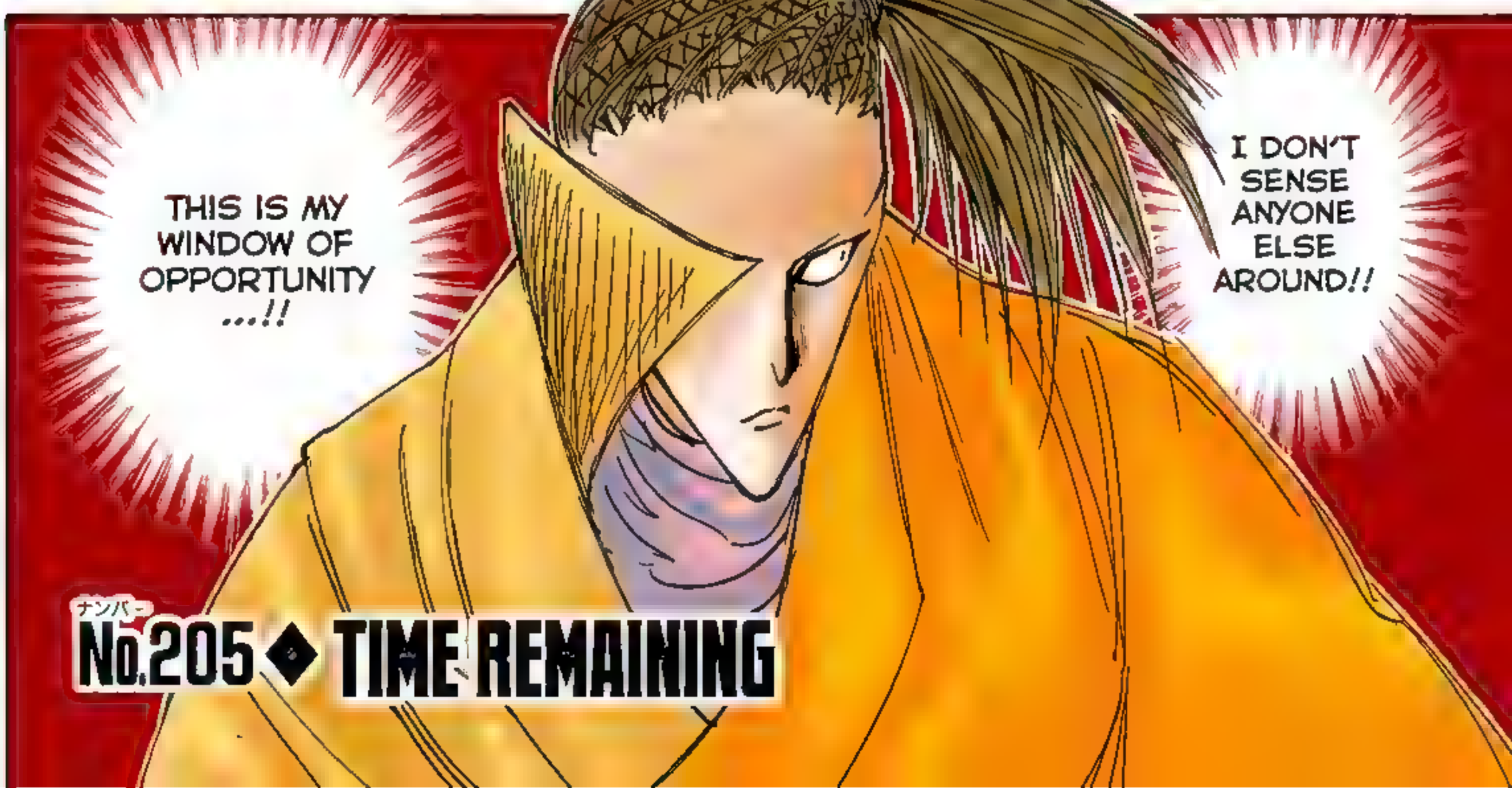

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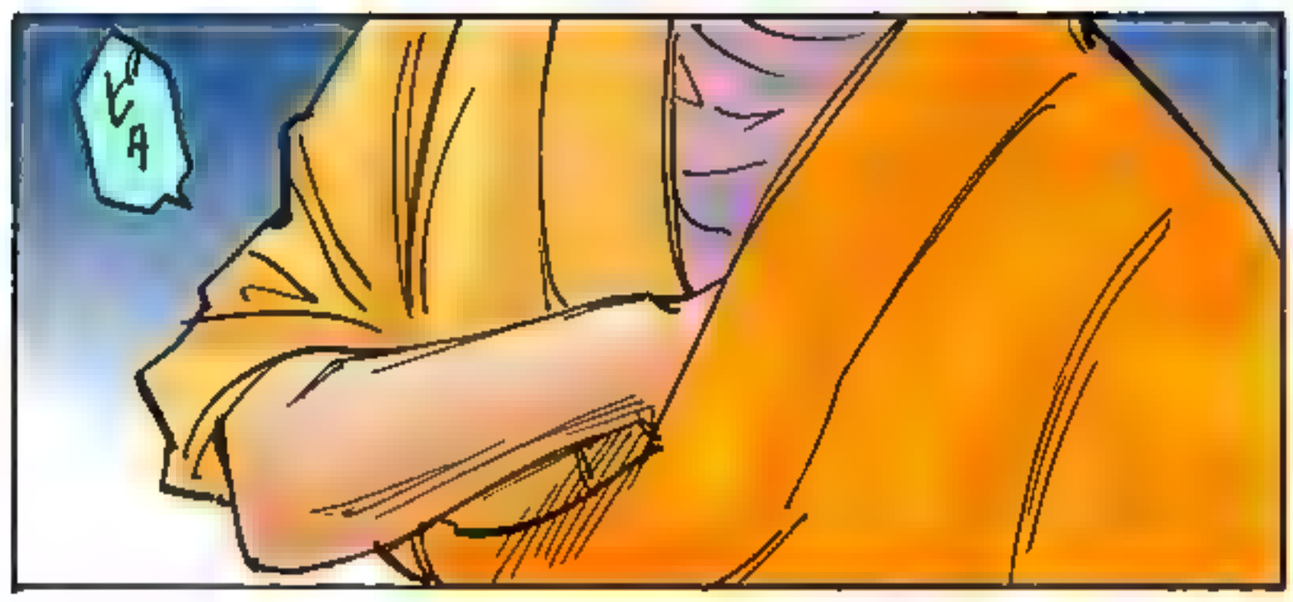
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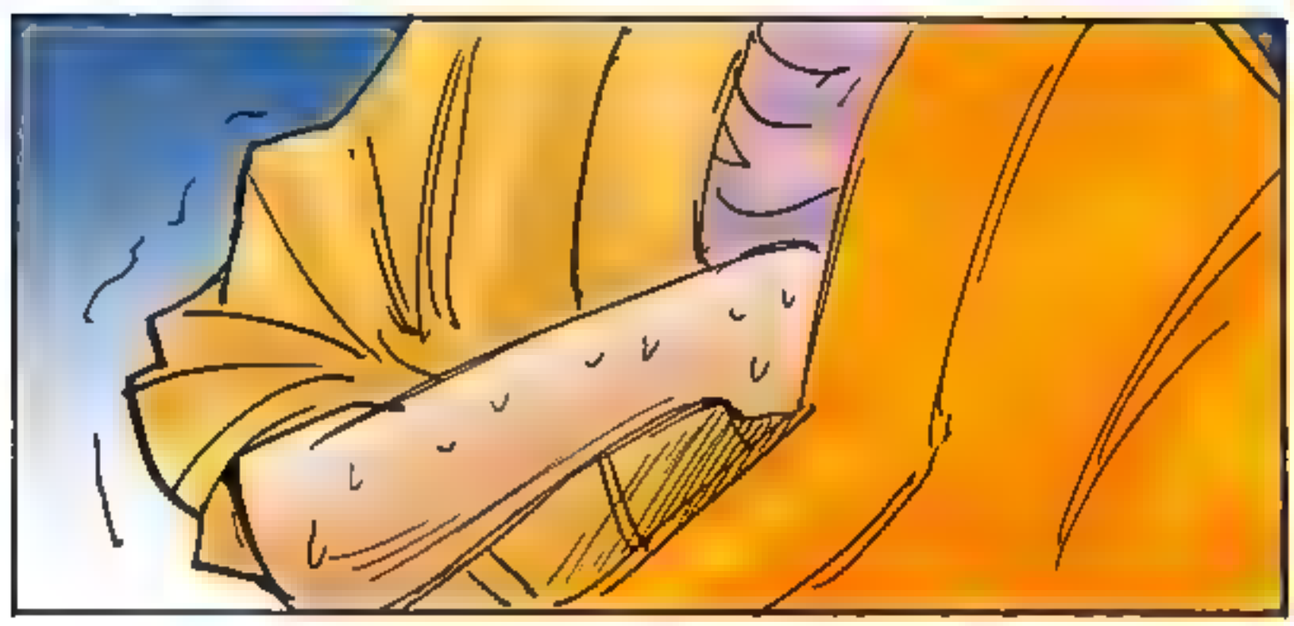

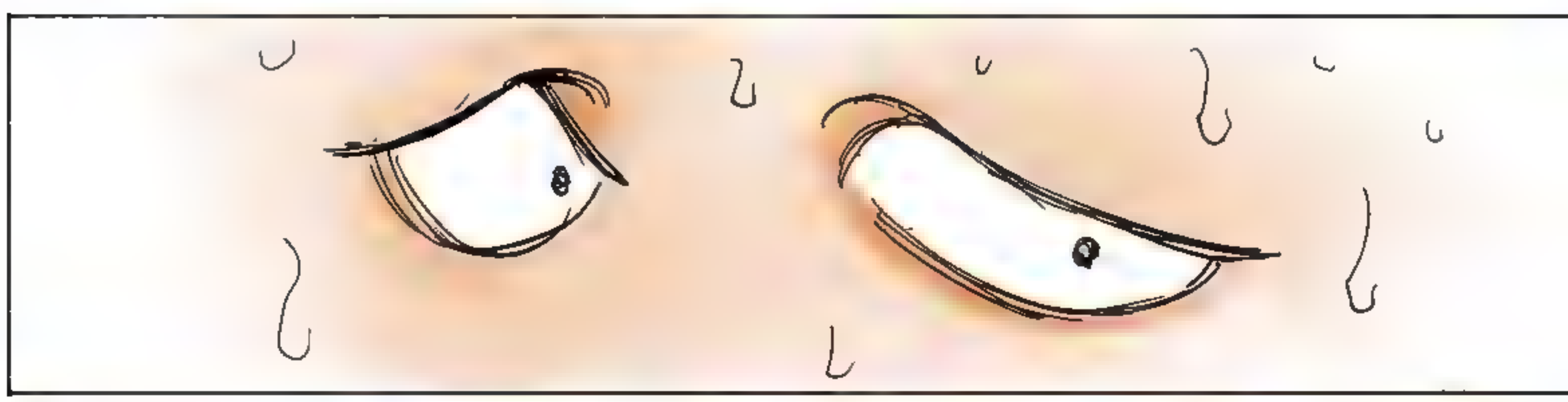

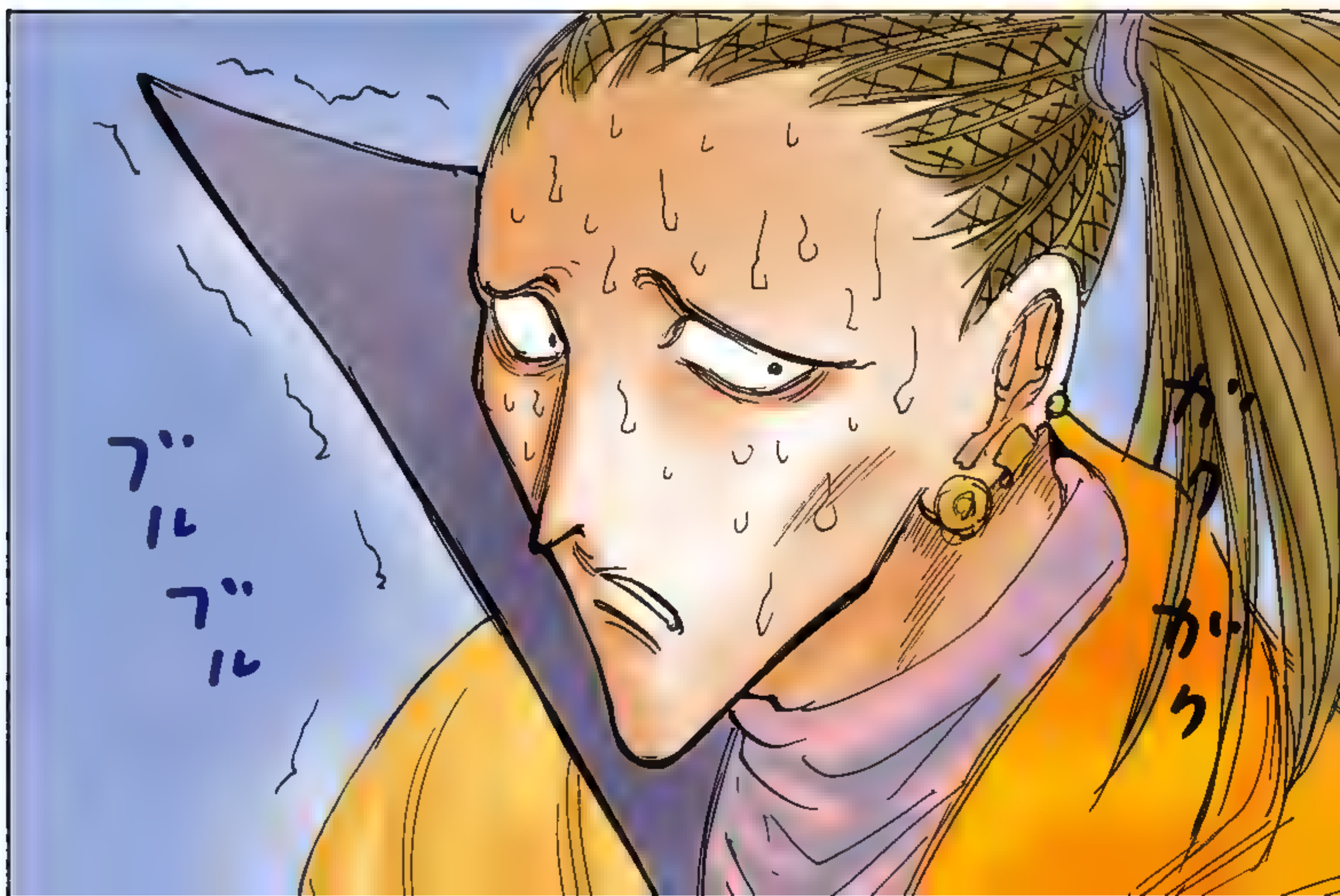
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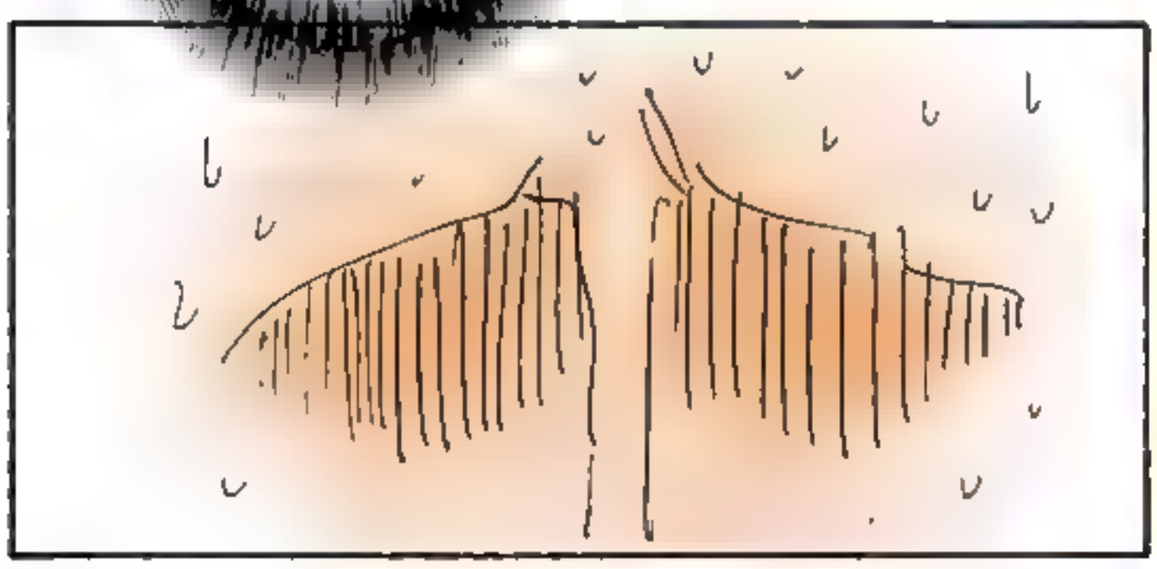
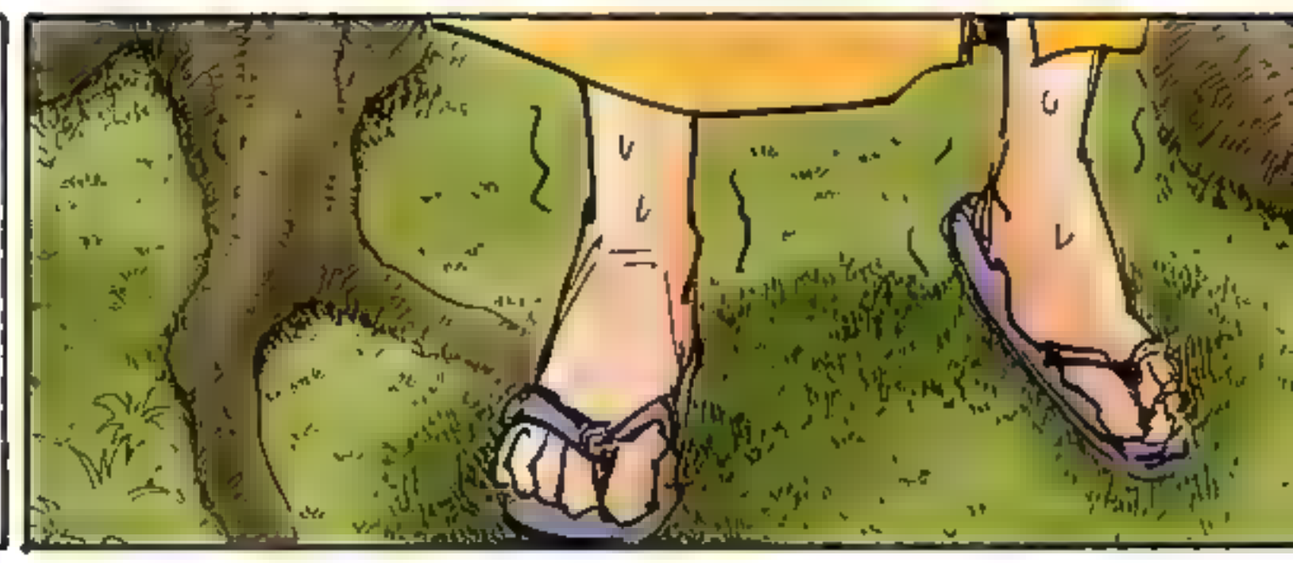
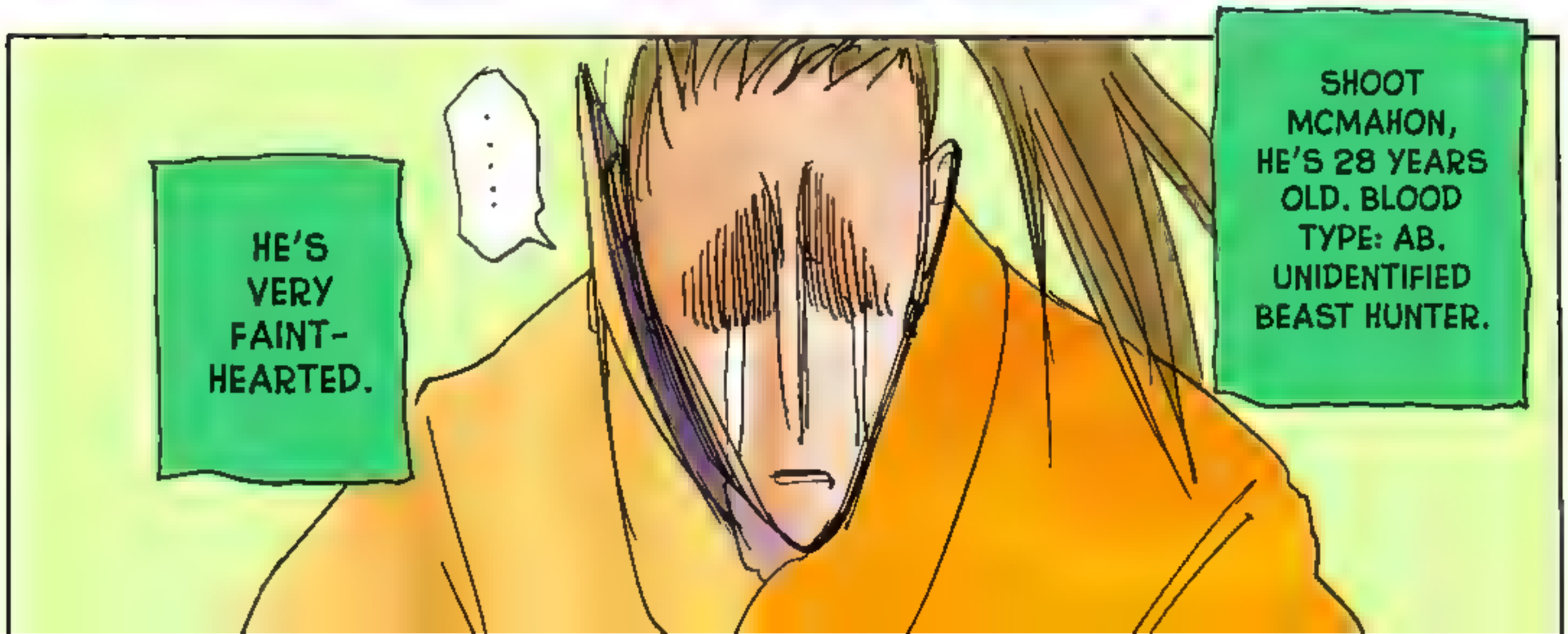
GO NOW!!

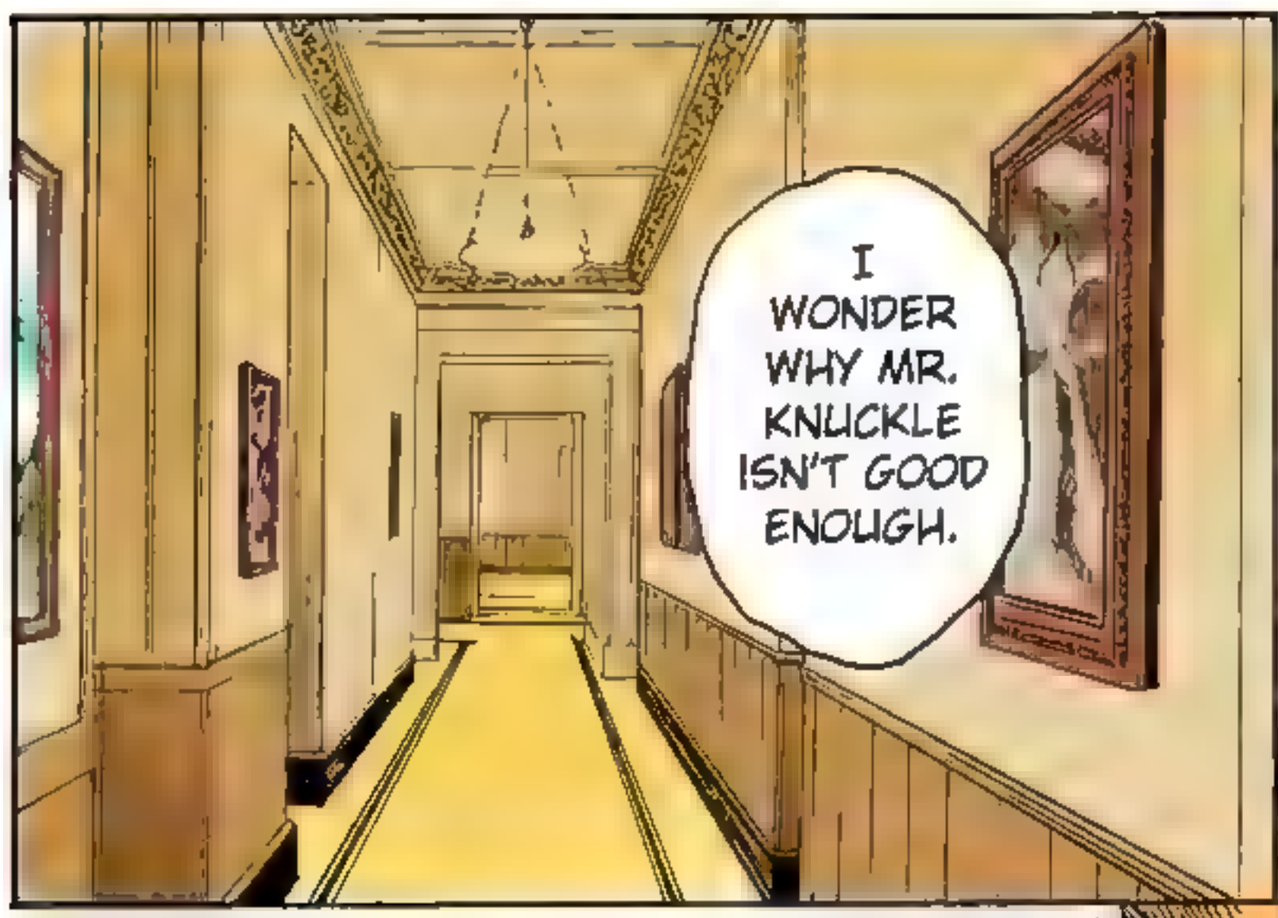
THIS IS MY CHANCE !!

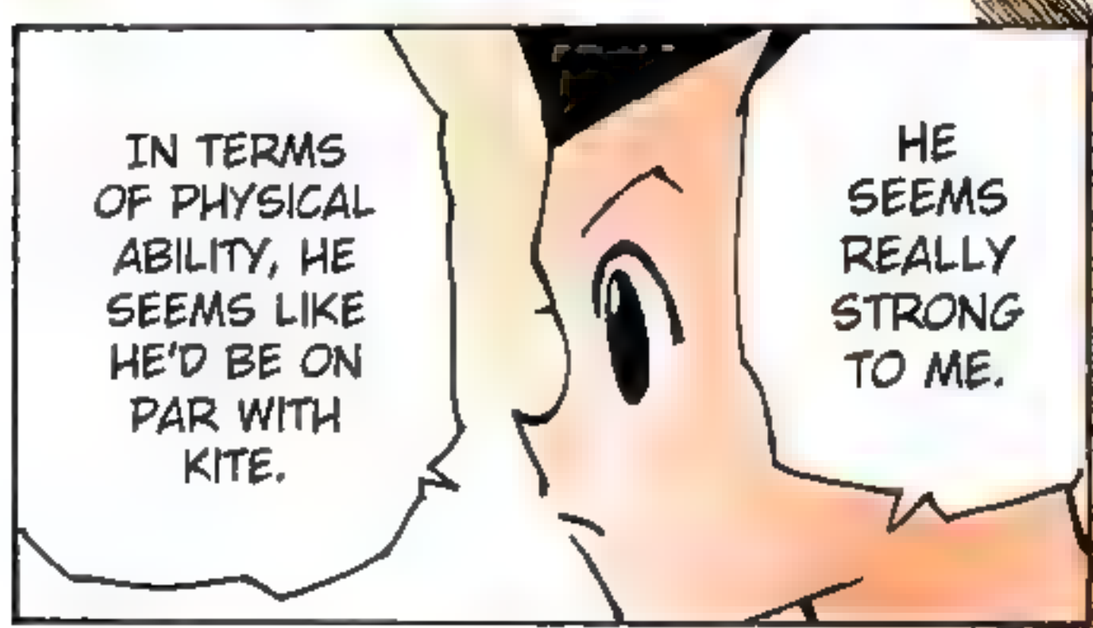
GO!





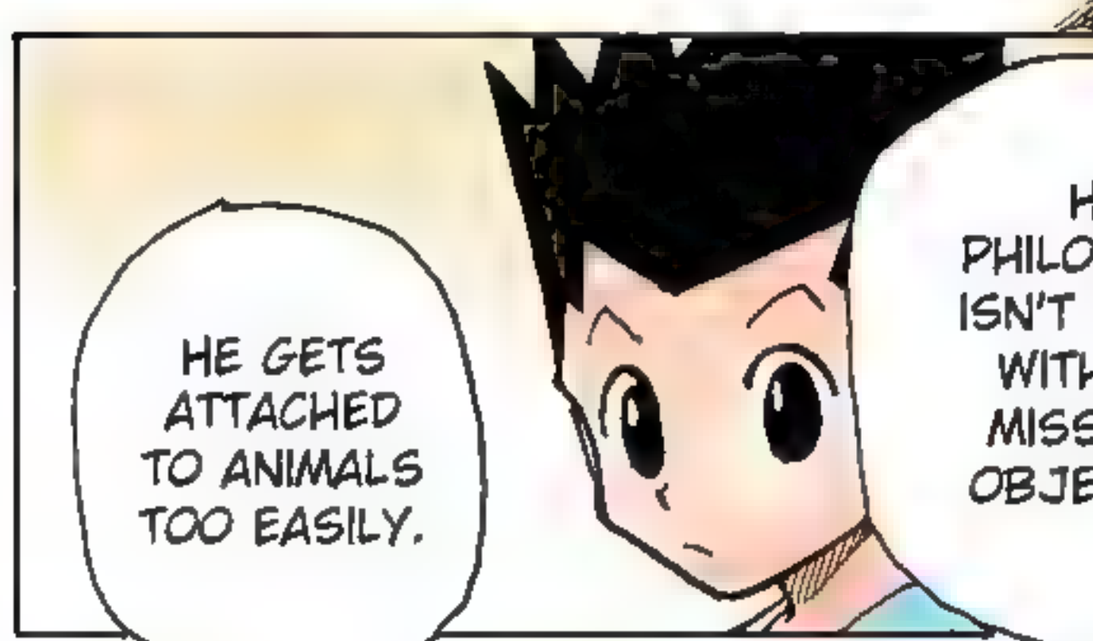


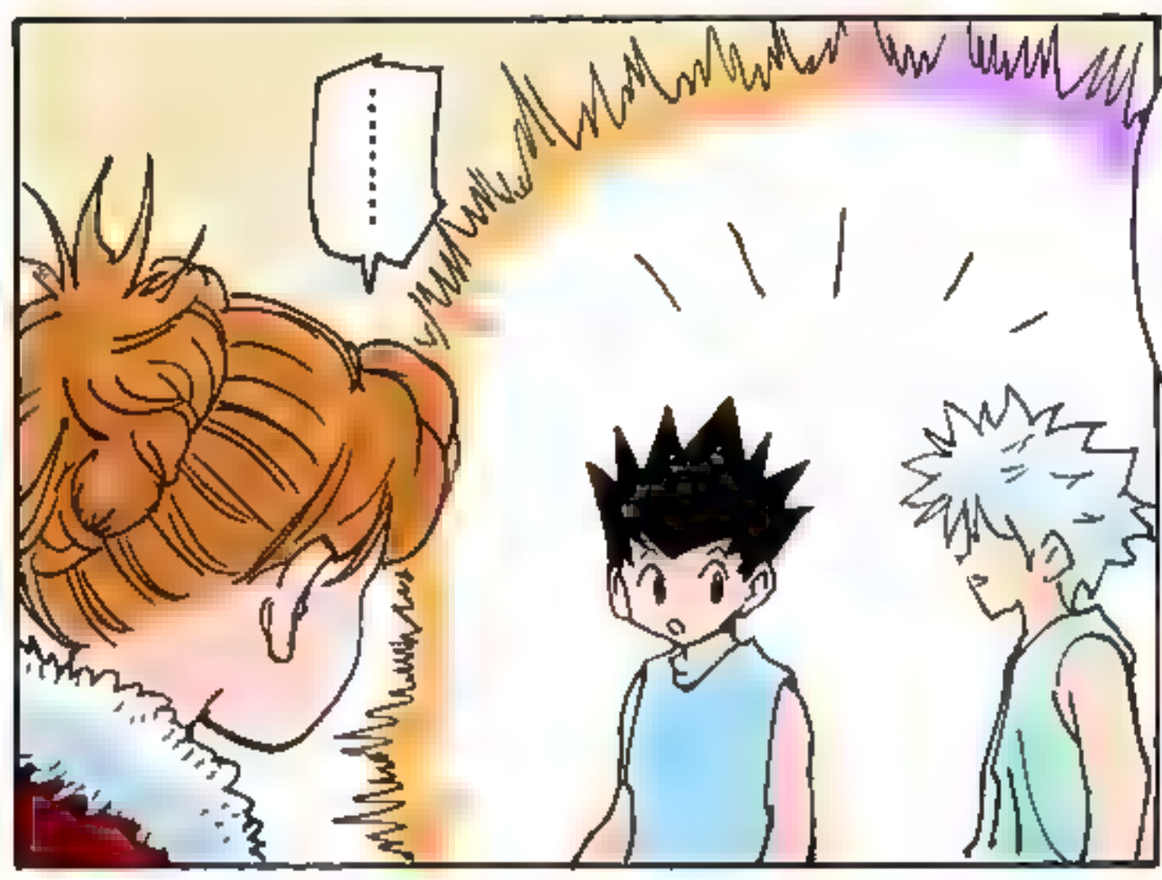

I WONDER WHY MR. KNUCKLE ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.


IN TERMS OF PHYSICAL ABILITY, HE SEEMS LIKE HE'D BE ON PAR WITH KITE.
HE SEEMS REALLY STRONG TO ME.

MAYBE IT'S A PERSO-NALITY THING?

TO GO TO THE NGL.
HMM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


HE GETS ATTACHED TO ANIMALS TOO EASILY.
HIS PHILOSOPHY ISN'T IN LINE WITH THE MISSION'S OBJECTIVE.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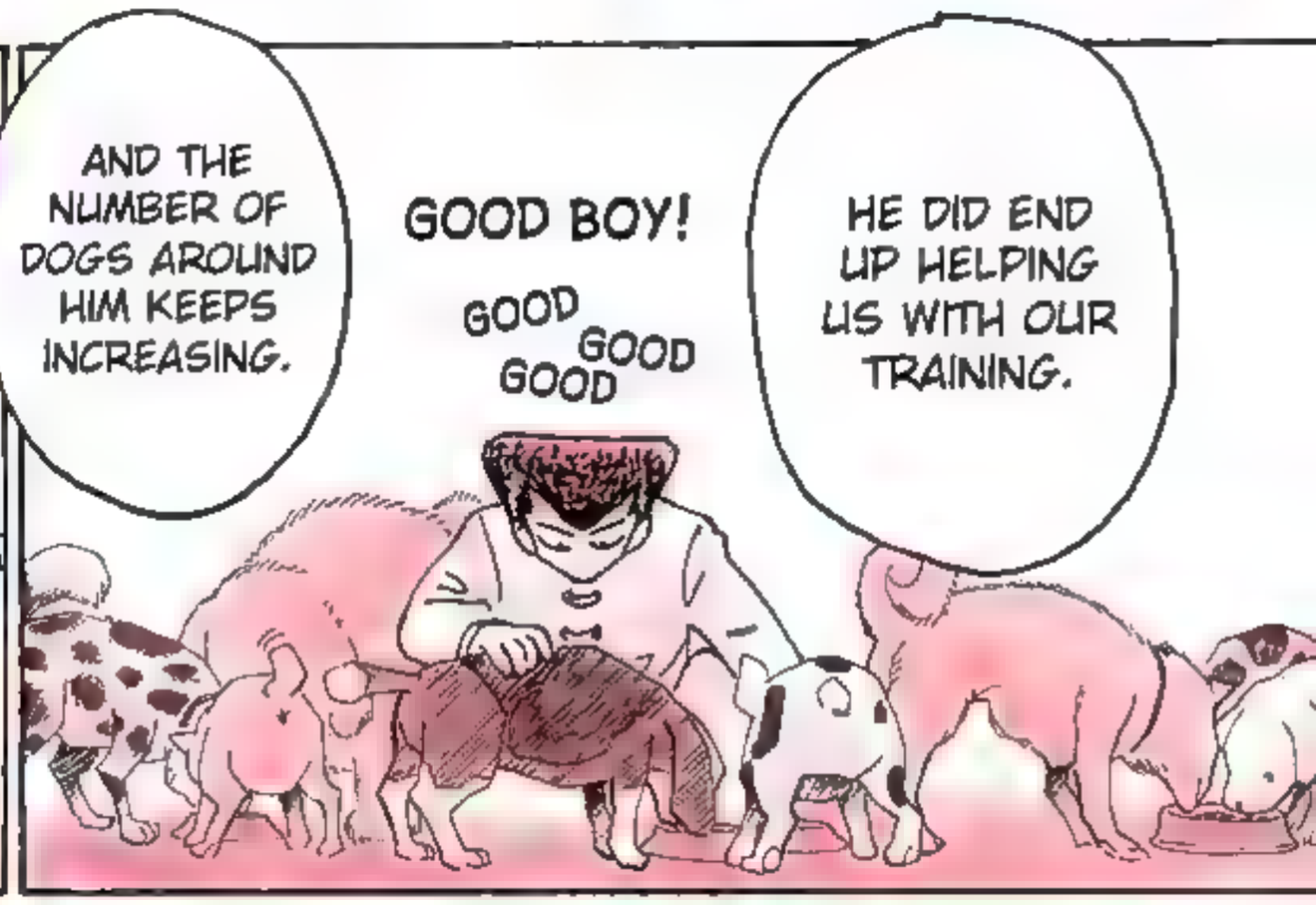
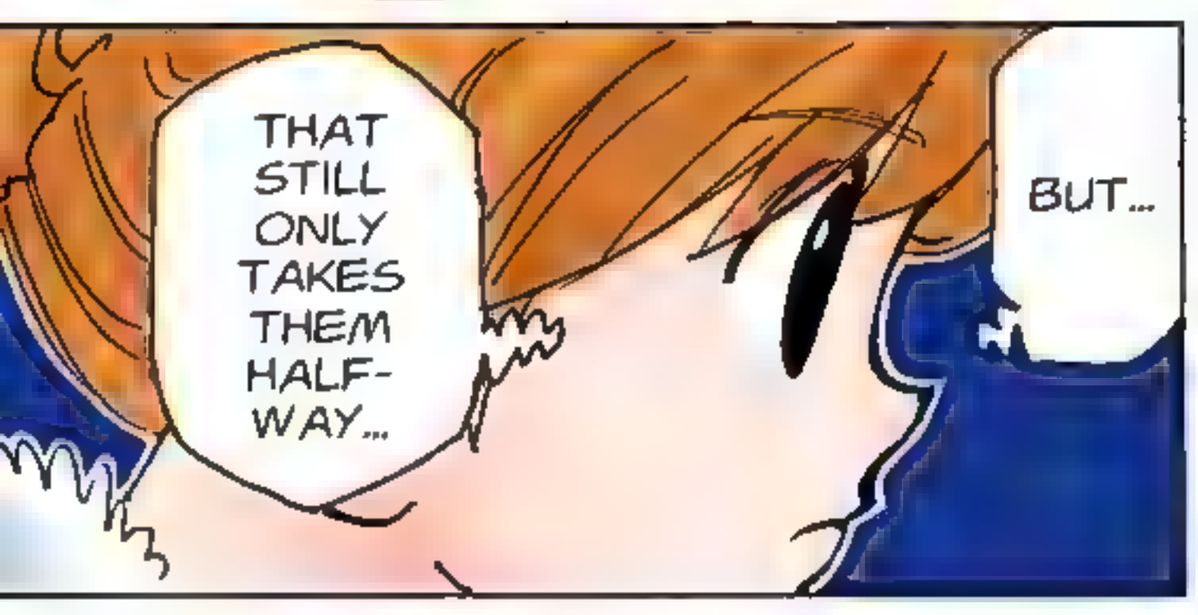
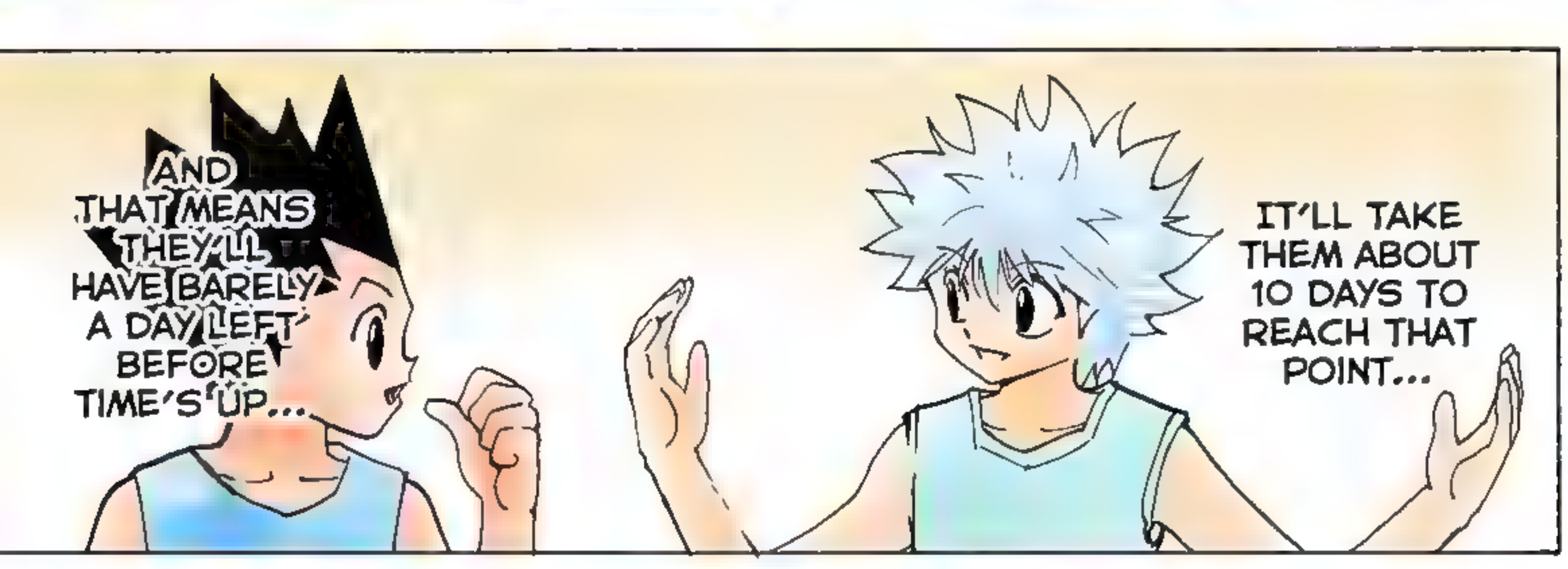
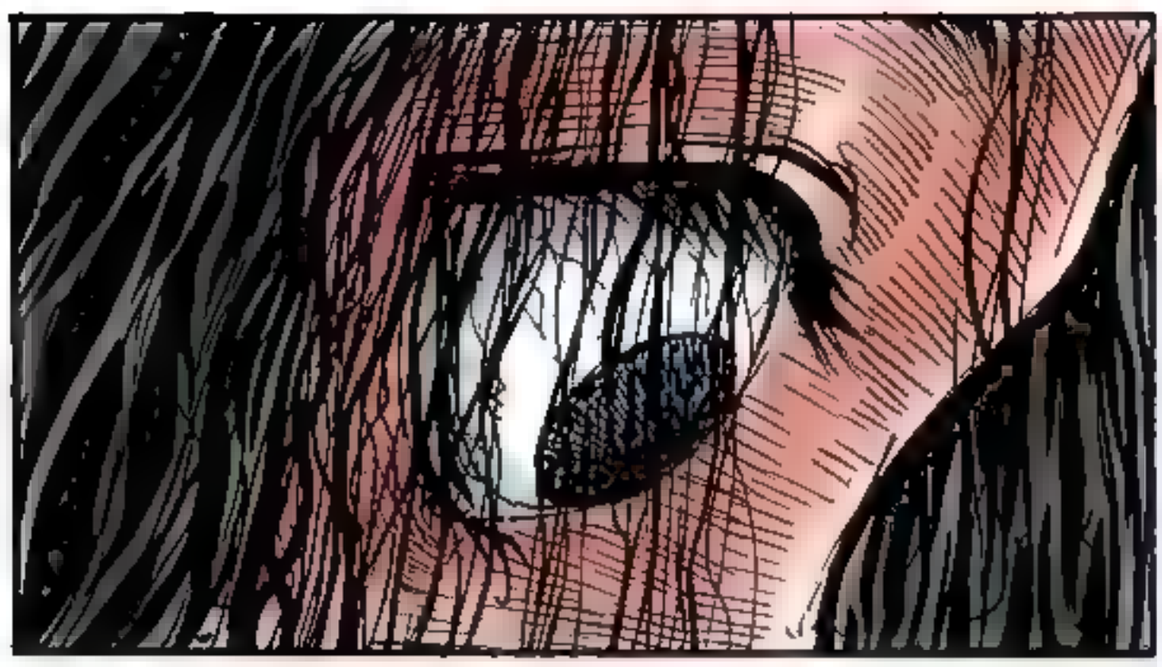

AND THE NUMBER OF DOGS AROUND HIM KEEPS INCREASING.
GOOD BOY!
GOOD GOOD GOOD
HE DID END UP HELPING US WITH OUR TRAINING.

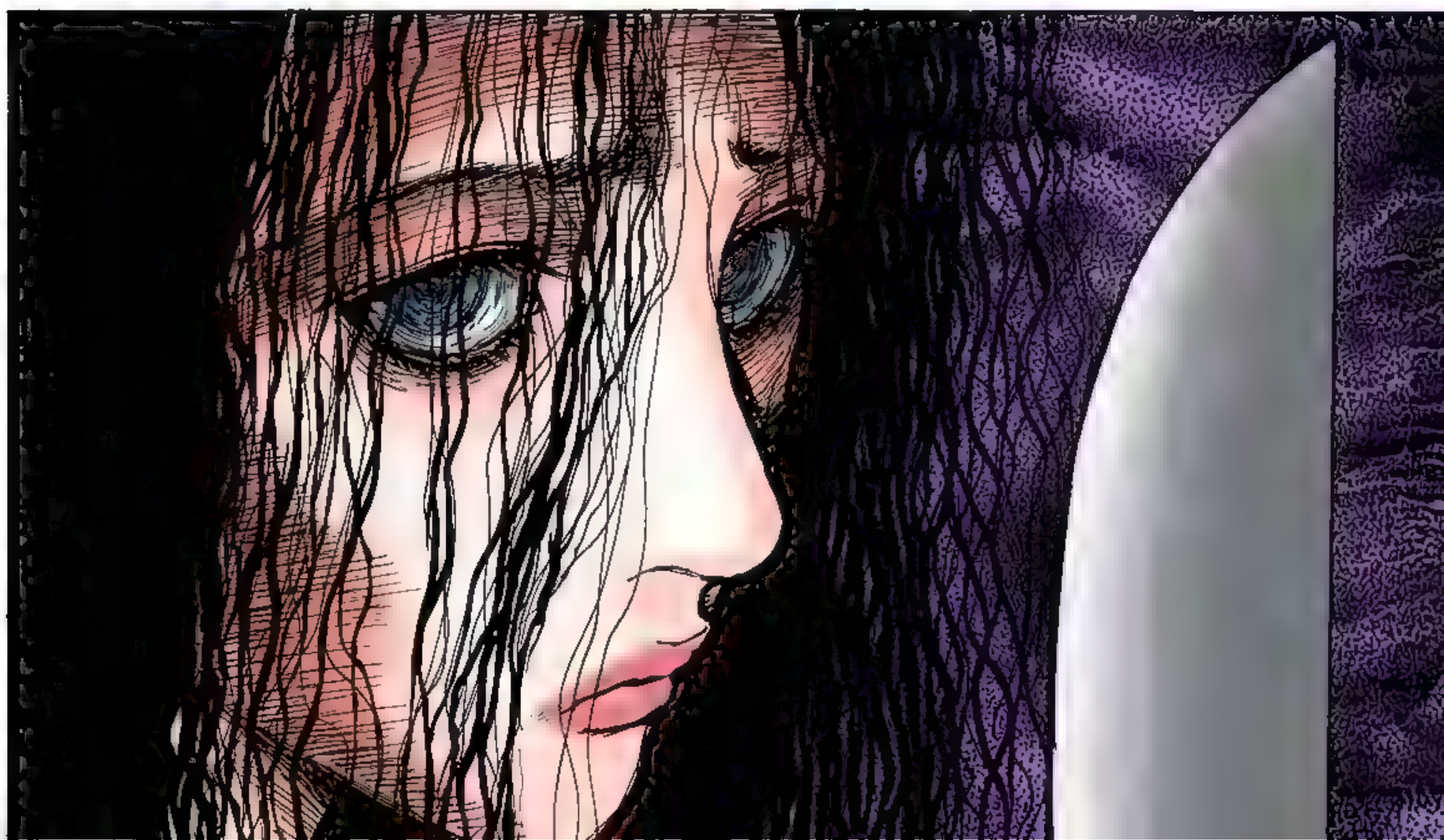
IF THEY CAN DO IT FOR 3 HOURS, I MIGHT CONSIDER LETTING THEM FIGHT WHEN THEY'RE FULLY RESTED.

THEY CAN MAINTAIN THEIR "*REN*" FOR 2 HOURS WITHOUT HAVING TO REALLY CONCENTRATE... THAT'S A GOOD SIGN.

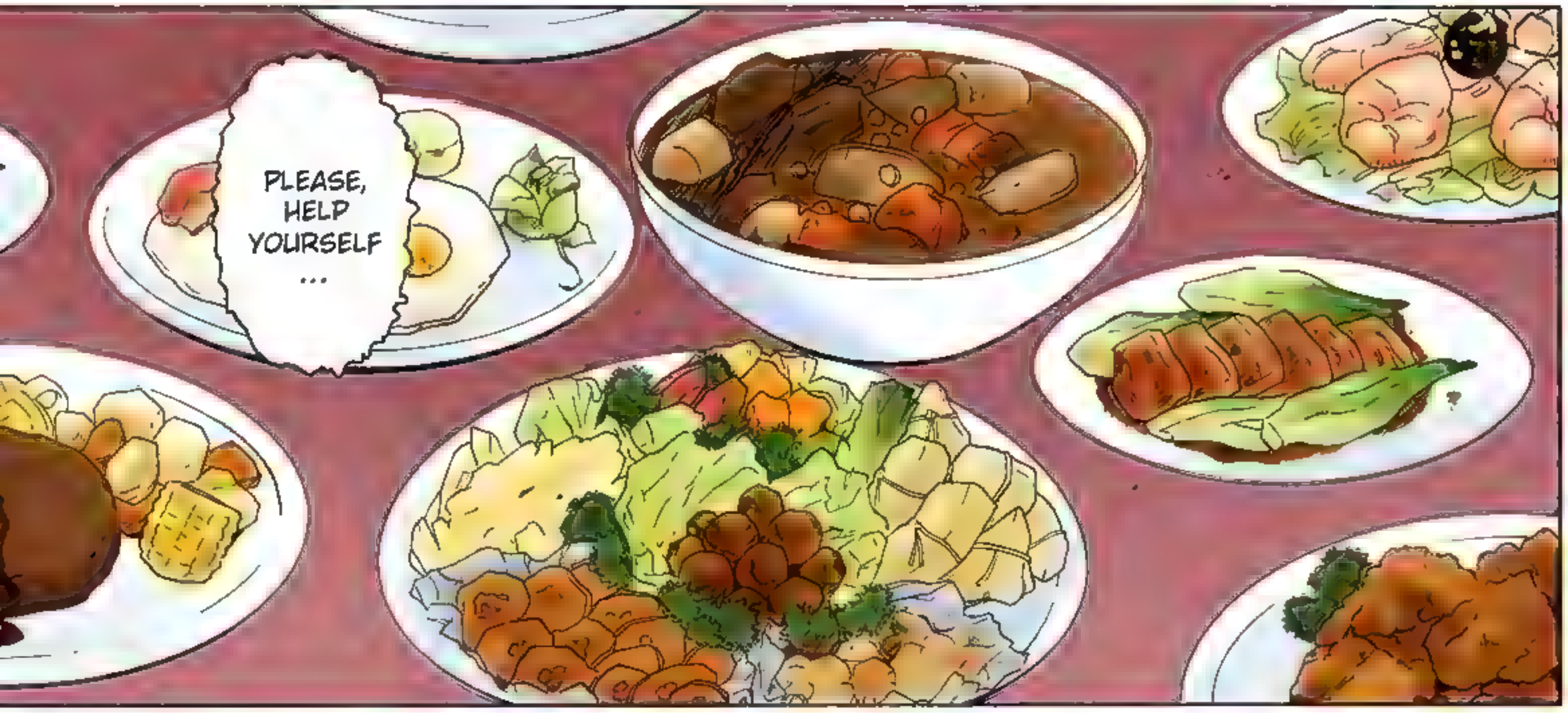


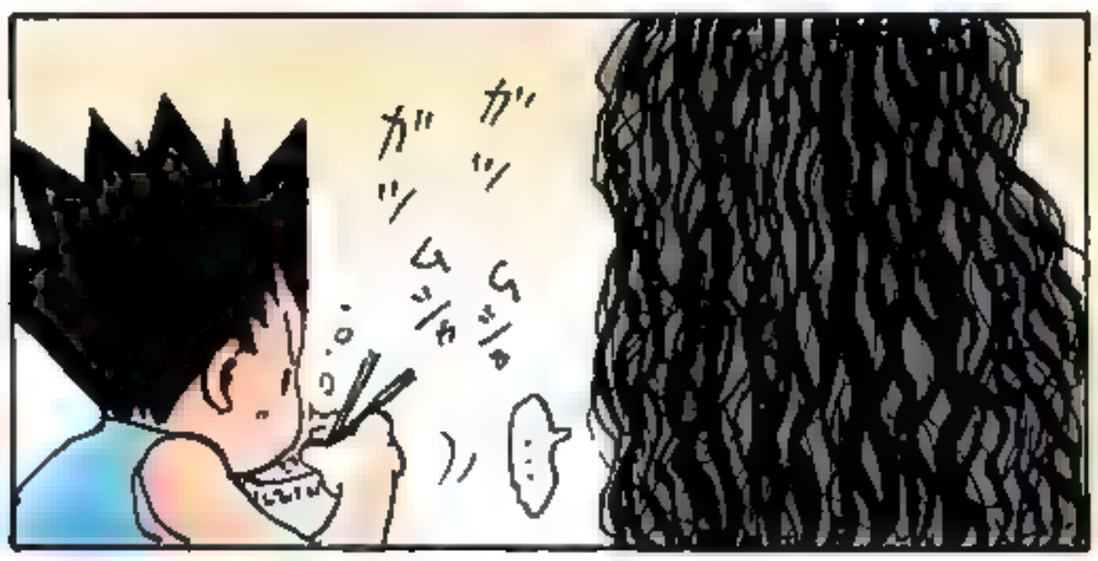


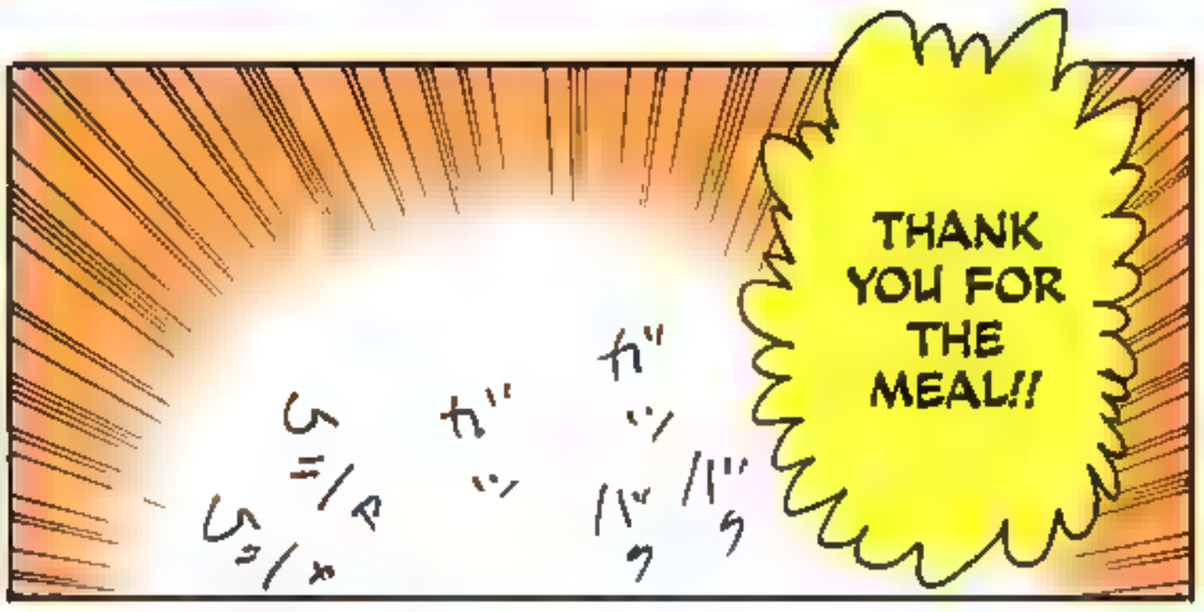


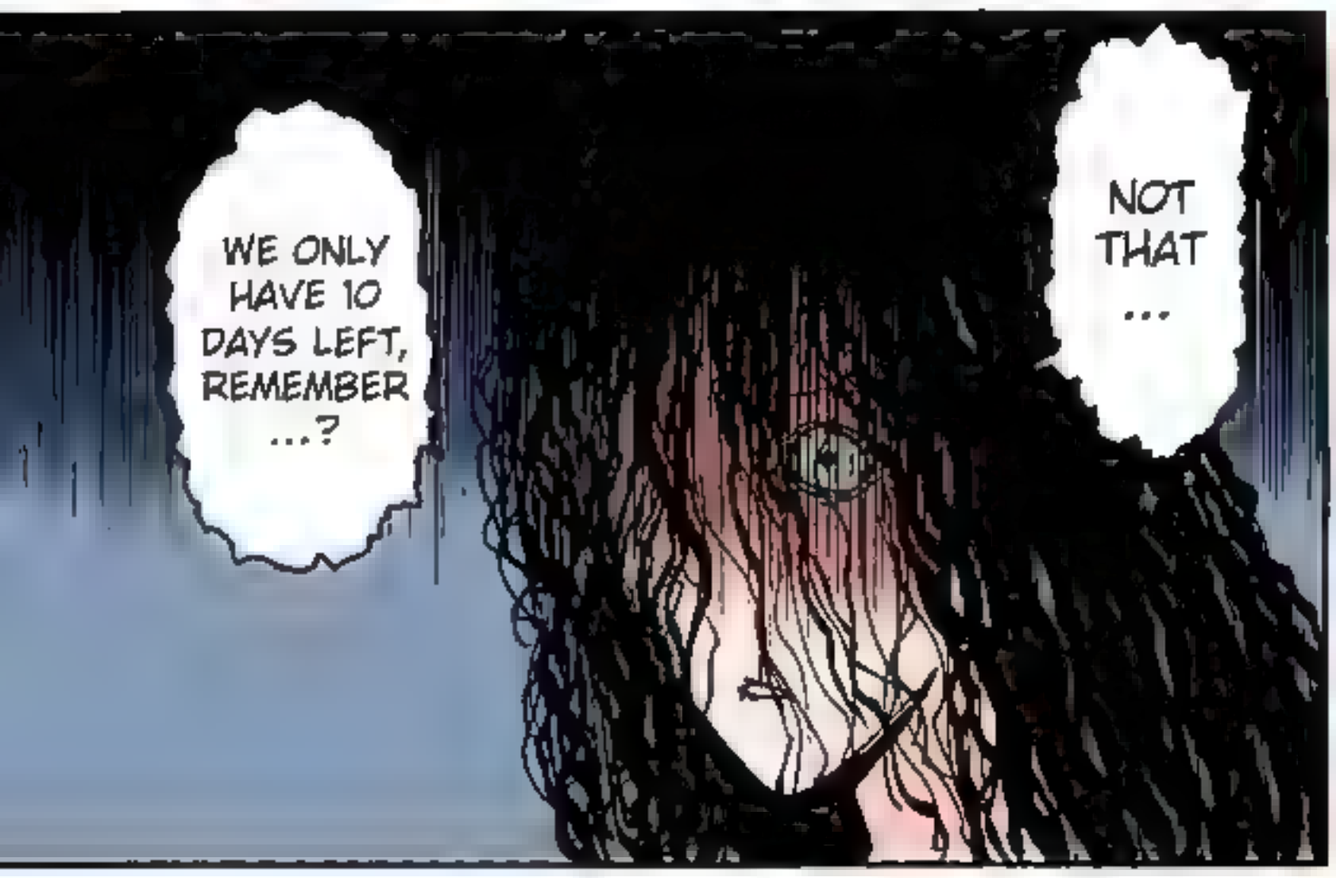


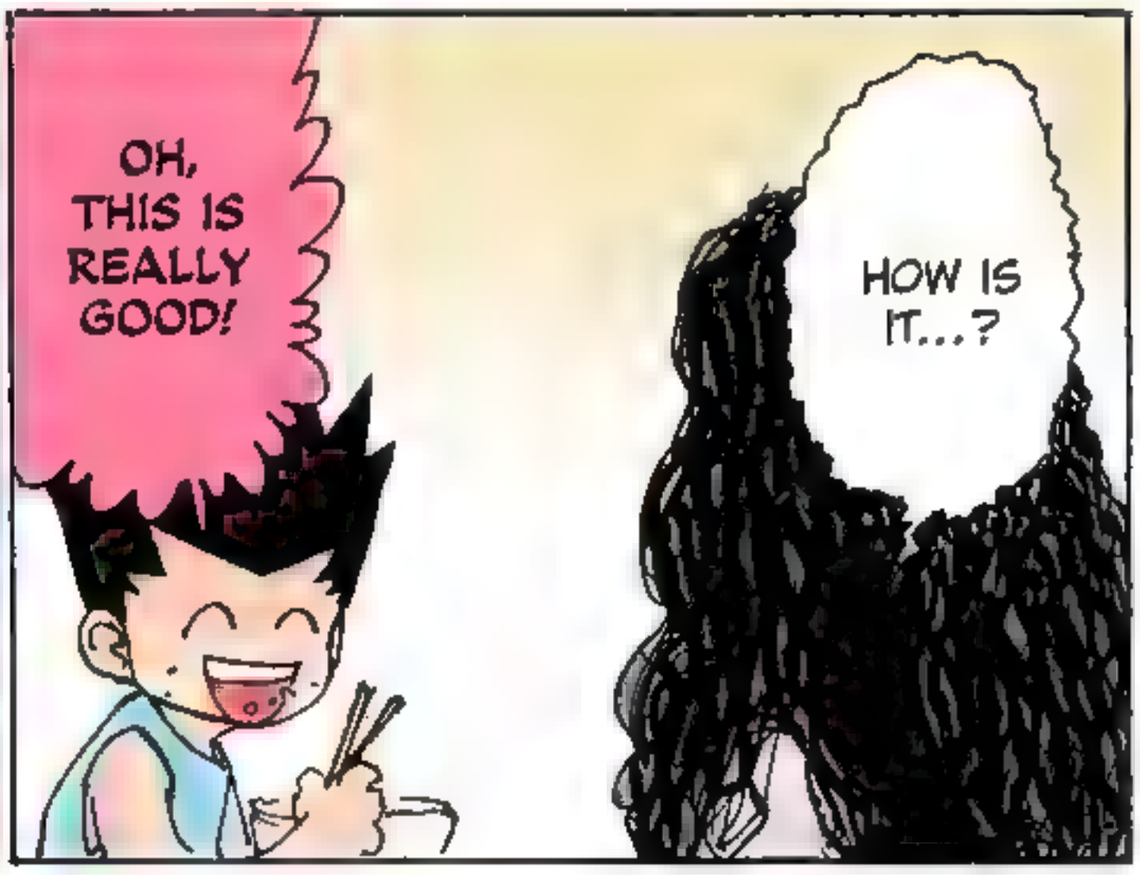
I SHOULD PROBABLY PREPARE AN ESCAPE ROUTE.
TO SAVE MY OWN SKIN.

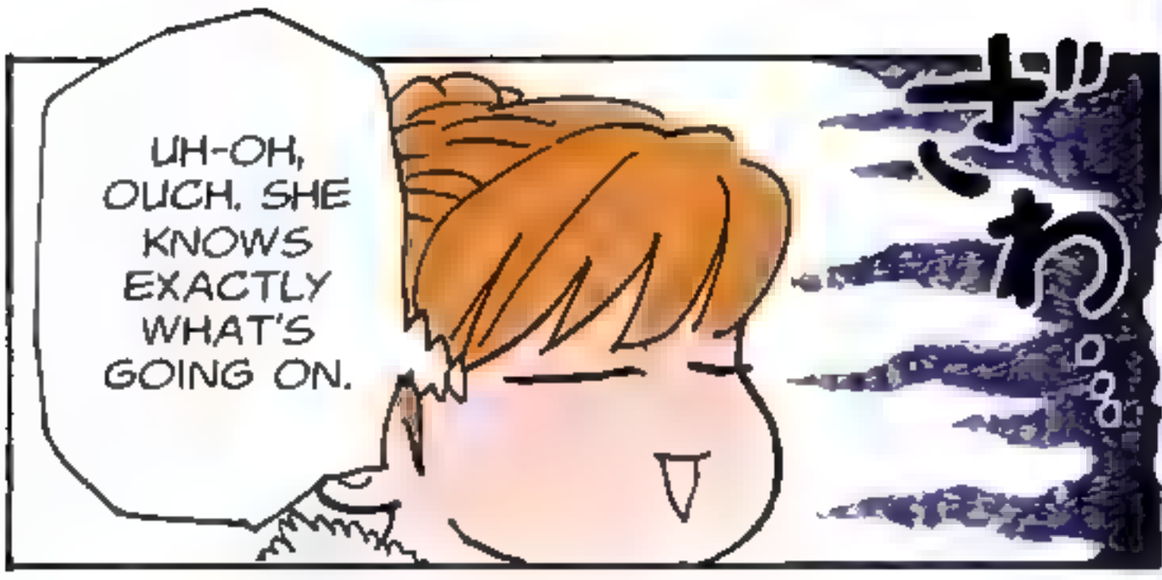

PLEASE, HELP YOURSELF ...




THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL!!


WE ONLY HAVE 10 DAYS LEFT, REMEMBER ...?
NOT THAT ...


OH, THIS IS REALLY GOOD!
HOW IS IT...?


UH-OH, OUCH. SHE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON.
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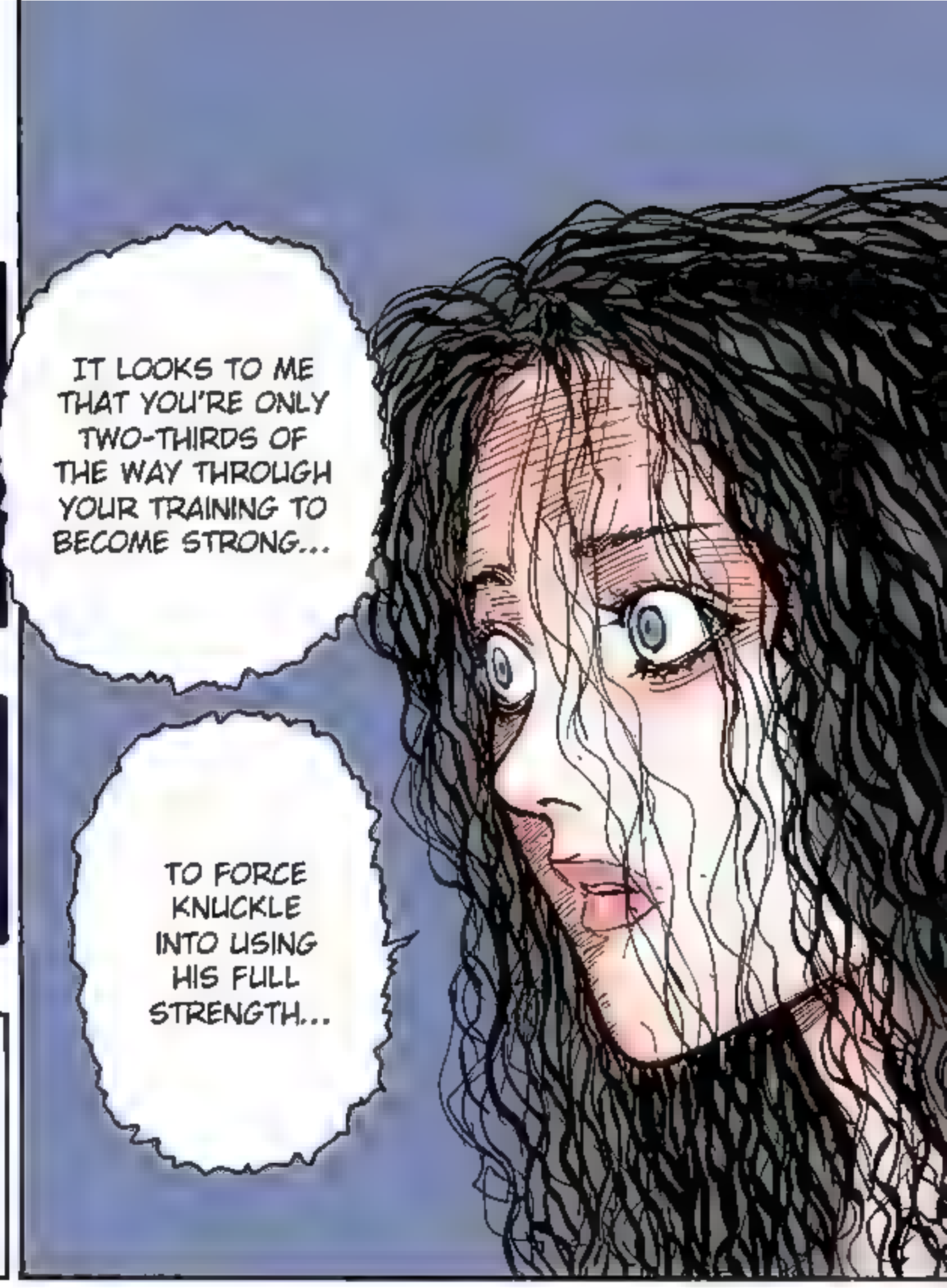
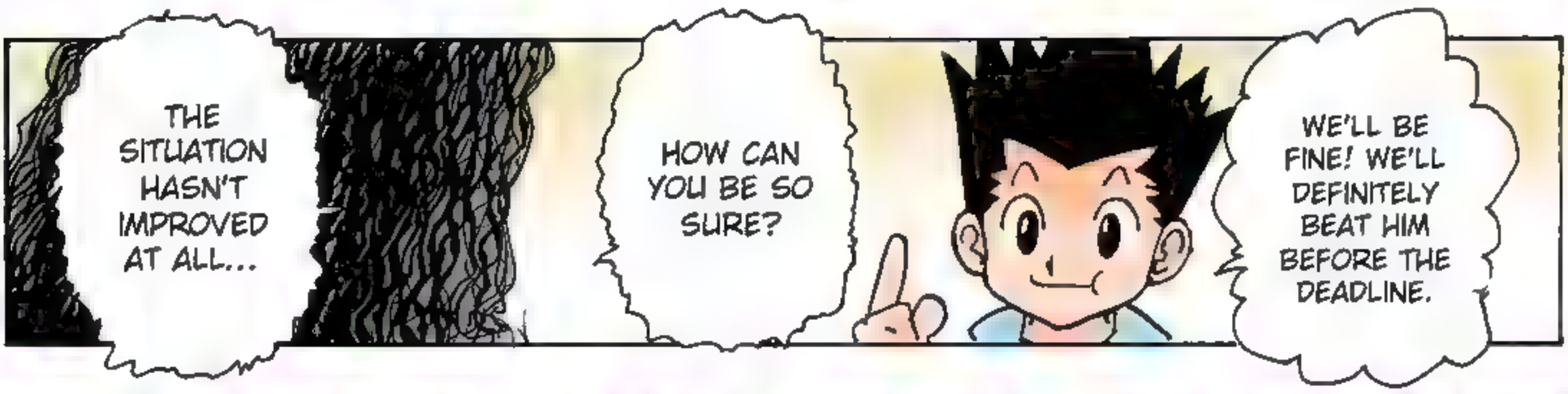
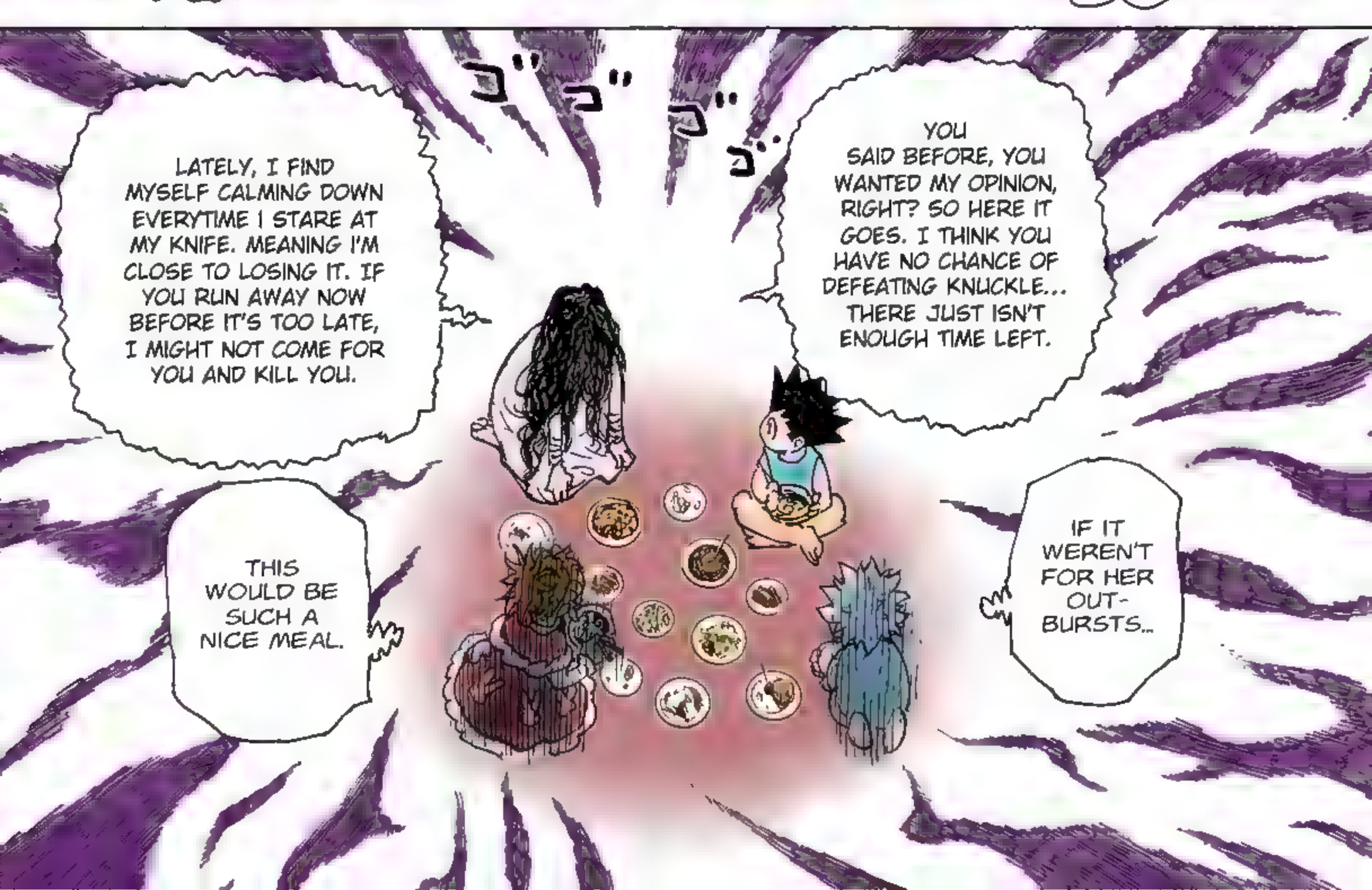
HUH? IS THAT TRUE? BISCUIT.


IT LOOKS TO ME THAT YOU'RE ONLY TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAY THROUGH YOUR TRAINING TO BECOME STRONG...
TO FORCE KNUCKLE INTO USING HIS FULL STRENGTH...


THE SITUATION HASN'T IMPROVED AT ALL...
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?
WE'LL BE FINE! WE'LL DEFINITELY BEAT HIM BEFORE THE DEADLINE.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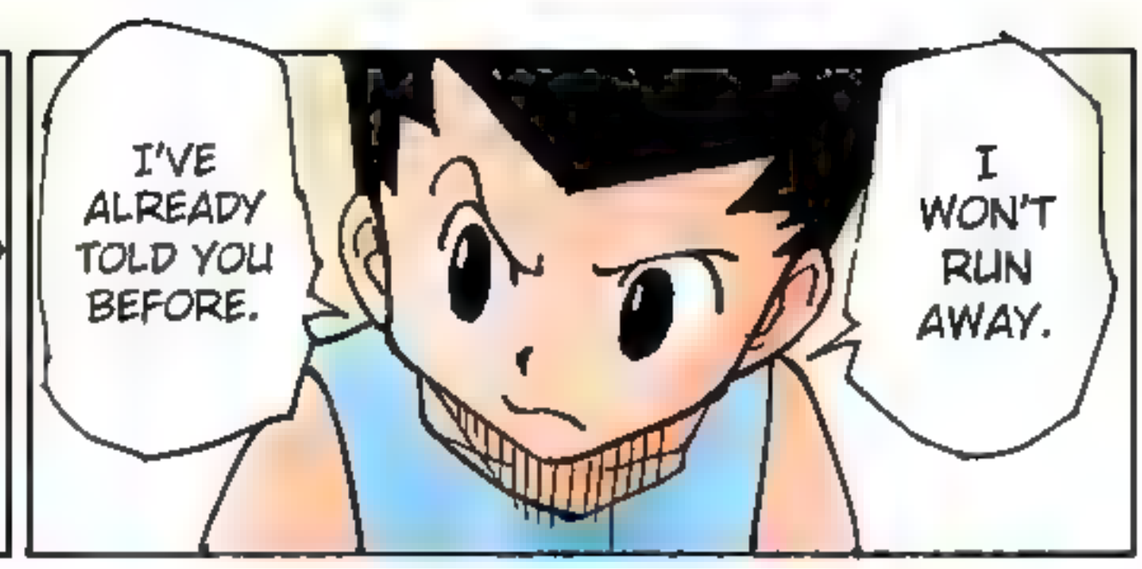
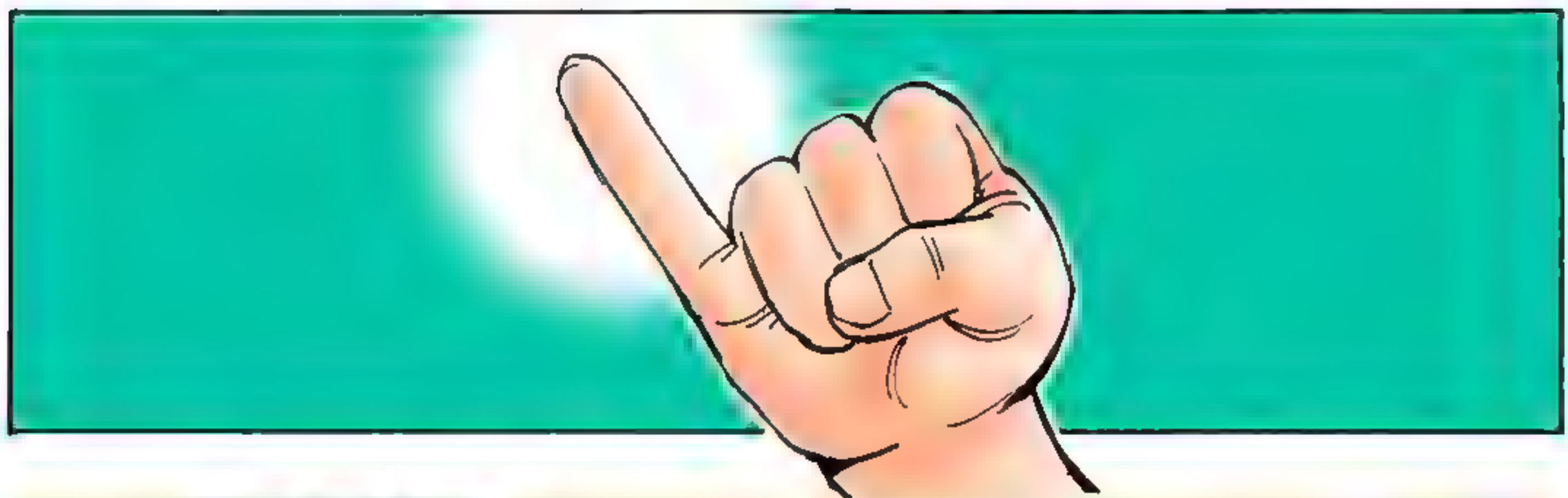
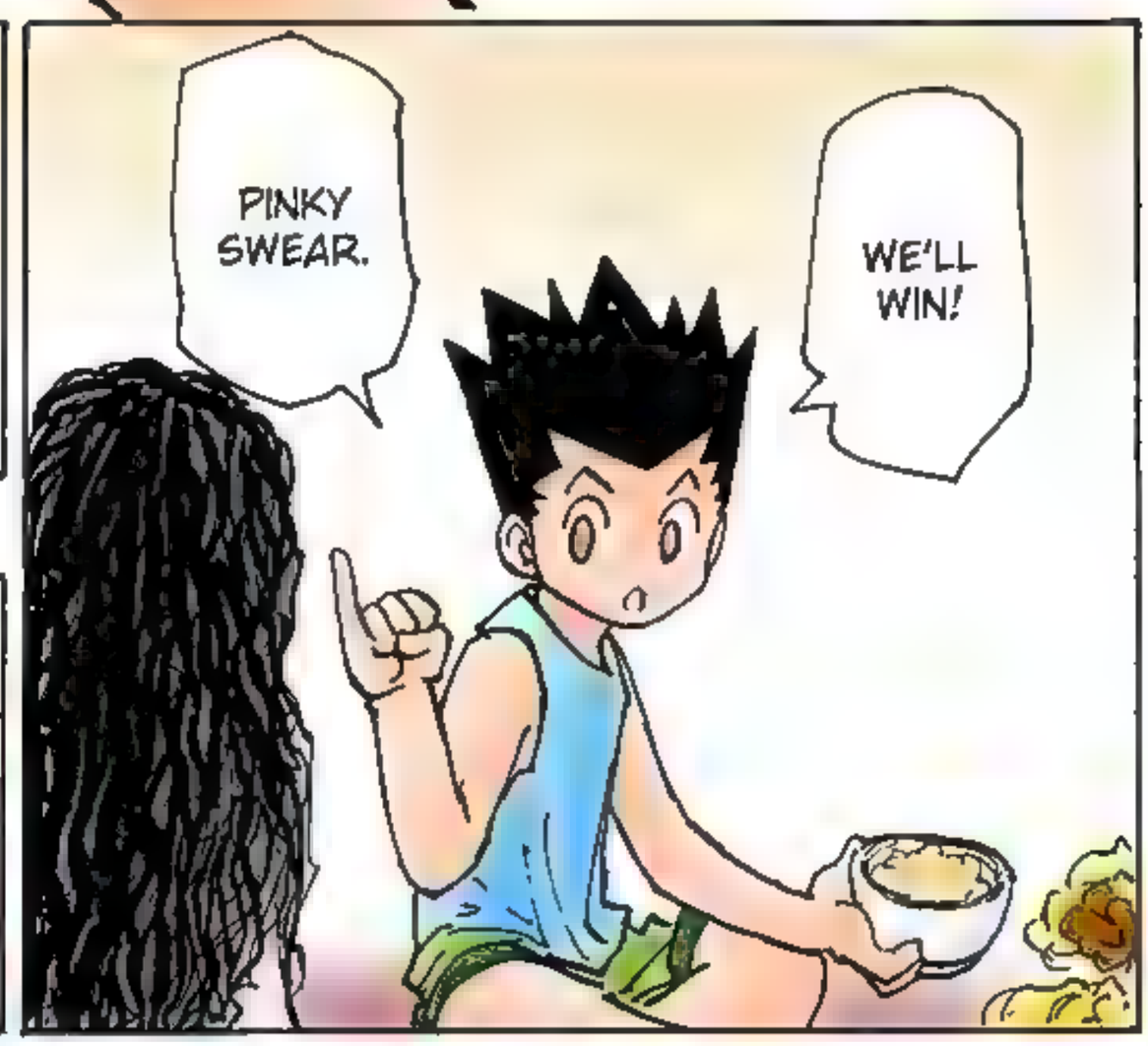
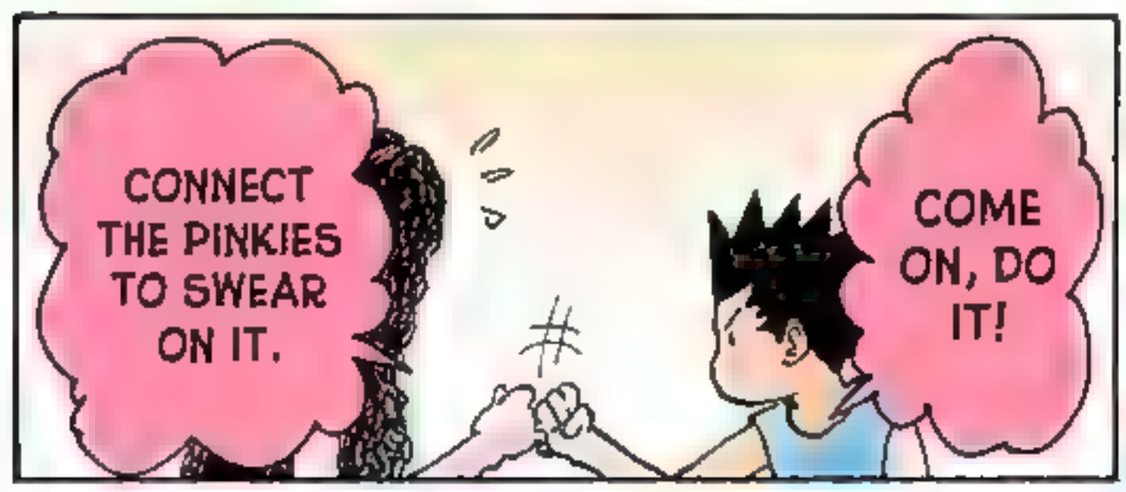
LATELY, I FIND MYSELF CALMING DOWN EVERYTIME I STARE AT MY KNIFE. MEANING I'M CLOSE TO LOSING IT. IF YOU RUN AWAY NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE, I MIGHT NOT COME FOR YOU AND KILL YOU.
YOU SAID BEFORE, YOU WANTED MY OPINION, RIGHT? SO HERE IT GOES. I THINK YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF DEFEATING KNUCKLE... THERE JUST ISN'T ENOUGH TIME LEFT.
THIS WOULD BE SUCH A NICE MEAL.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR HER OUT-BURSTS...

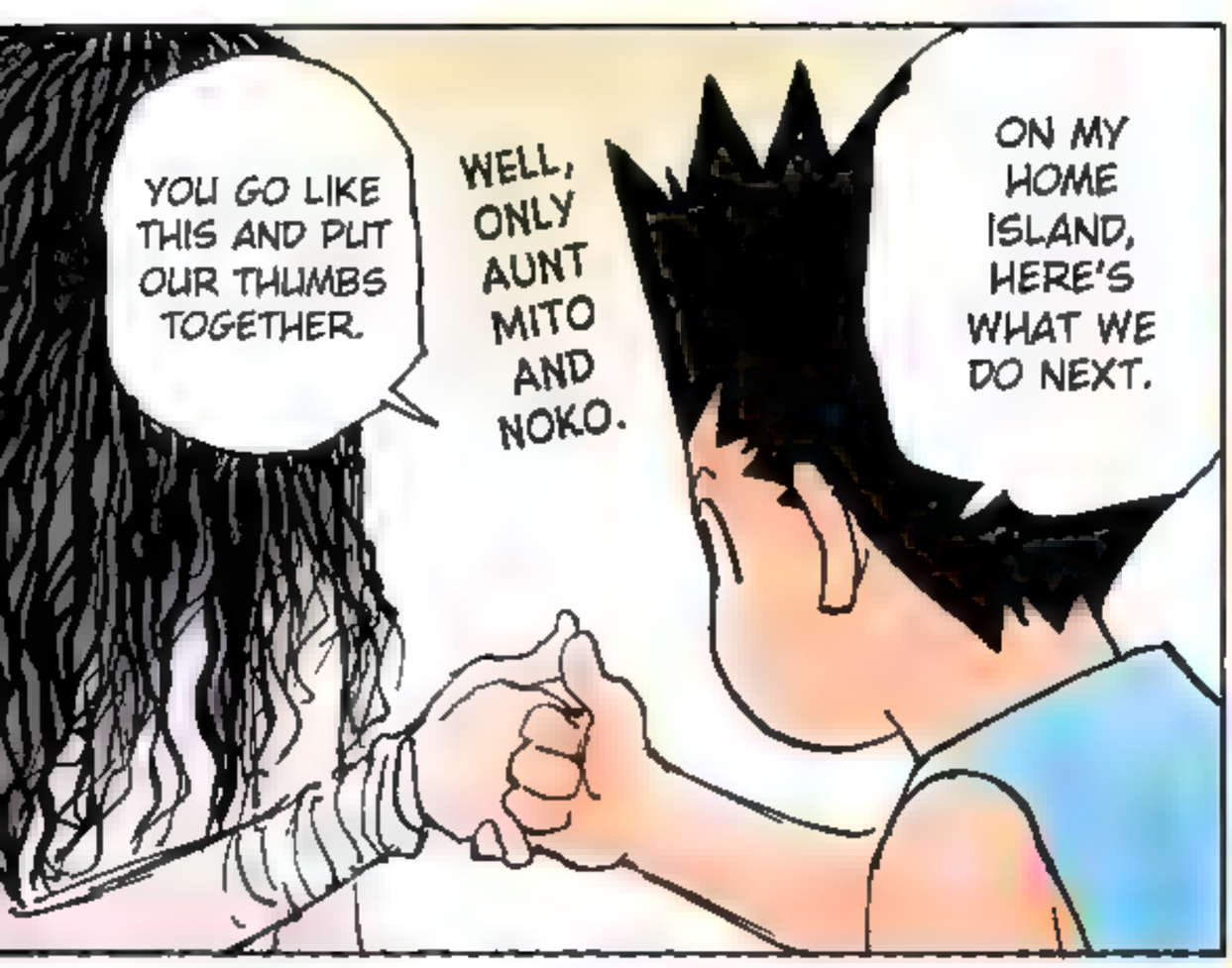
AS YOU CURRENTLY ARE, YOU CAN'T WIN.
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

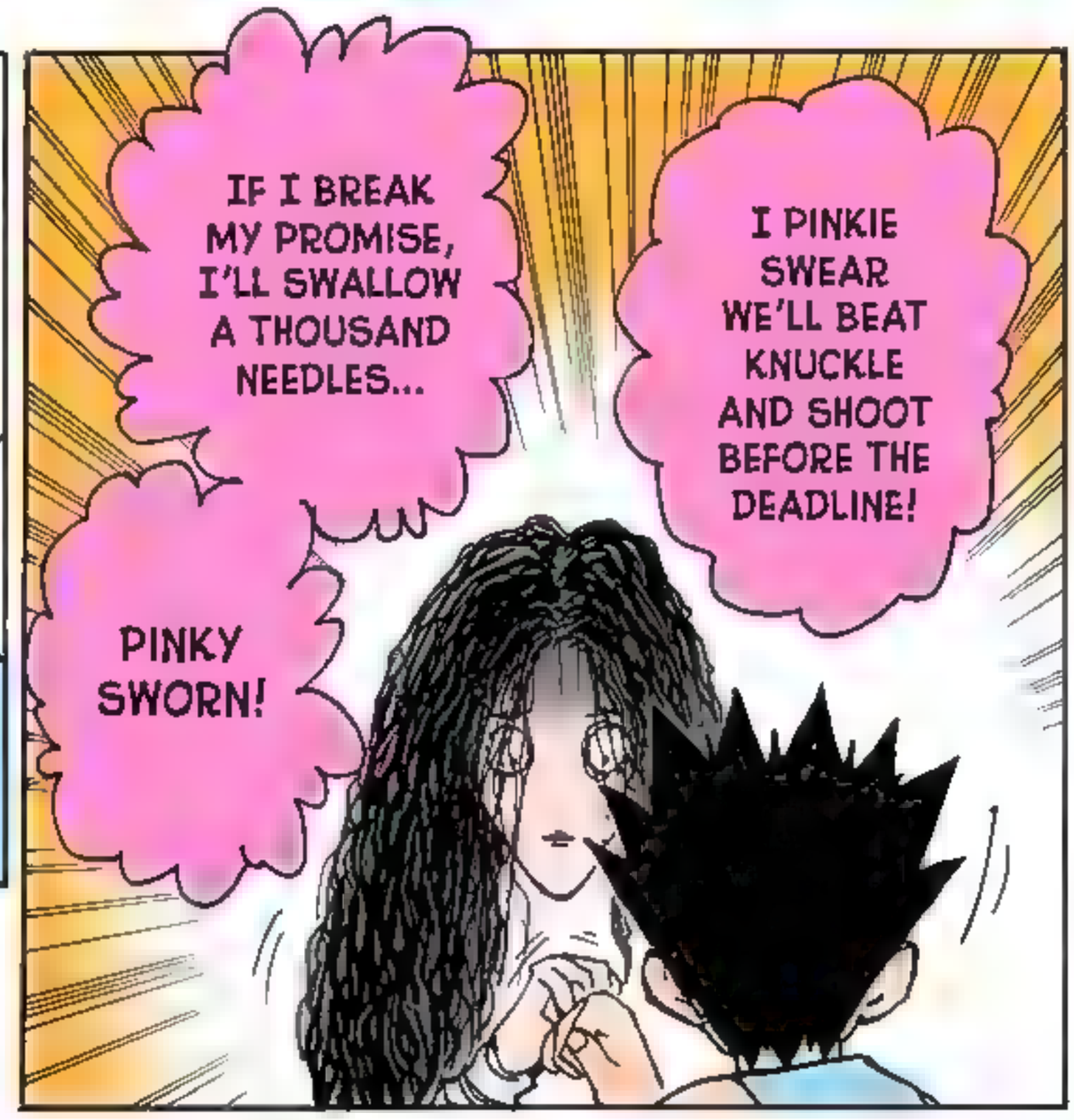

I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU BEFORE.
I WON'T RUN AWAY.




PINKY SWEAR.
WE'LL WIN!


CONNECT THE PINKIES TO SWEAR ON IT.
COME ON, DO IT!


YOU GO LIKE THIS AND PUT OUR THUMBS TOGETHER.
WELL, ONLY AUNT MITO AND NOKO.
ON MY HOME ISLAND, HERE'S WHAT WE DO NEXT.


IF I BREAK MY PROMISE, I'LL SWALLOW A THOUSAND NEEDLES...
I PINKIE SWEAR WE'LL BEAT KNUCKLE AND SHOOT BEFORE THE DEADLINE!
PINKY SWORN!

KISS!!

SEAL IT WITH A...

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OKAY, NOW IT'S A PROMISE.

OR RATHER, I SUSPECT SHE'S THE ONE LEADING THINGS IN THAT DIRECTION...

MHH.

GON'S GETTING REALLY GOOD AT HANDLING PALM.

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I LET A KUNAI CHICKEN SIMMER OVERNIGHT, THEN I SET IT ASIDE FOR ANOTHER DAY.

OH? AH, IT'S FROM POUL-TRY.

BY THE WAY PALM, WHAT'S THIS STOCK MADE OF?

DON'T MAKE IT SOUND LIKE IT'S A DEATH COUNTDOWN.

TEN DAYS LEFT...

GORAN! GIVE ME A STATUS UPDATE.

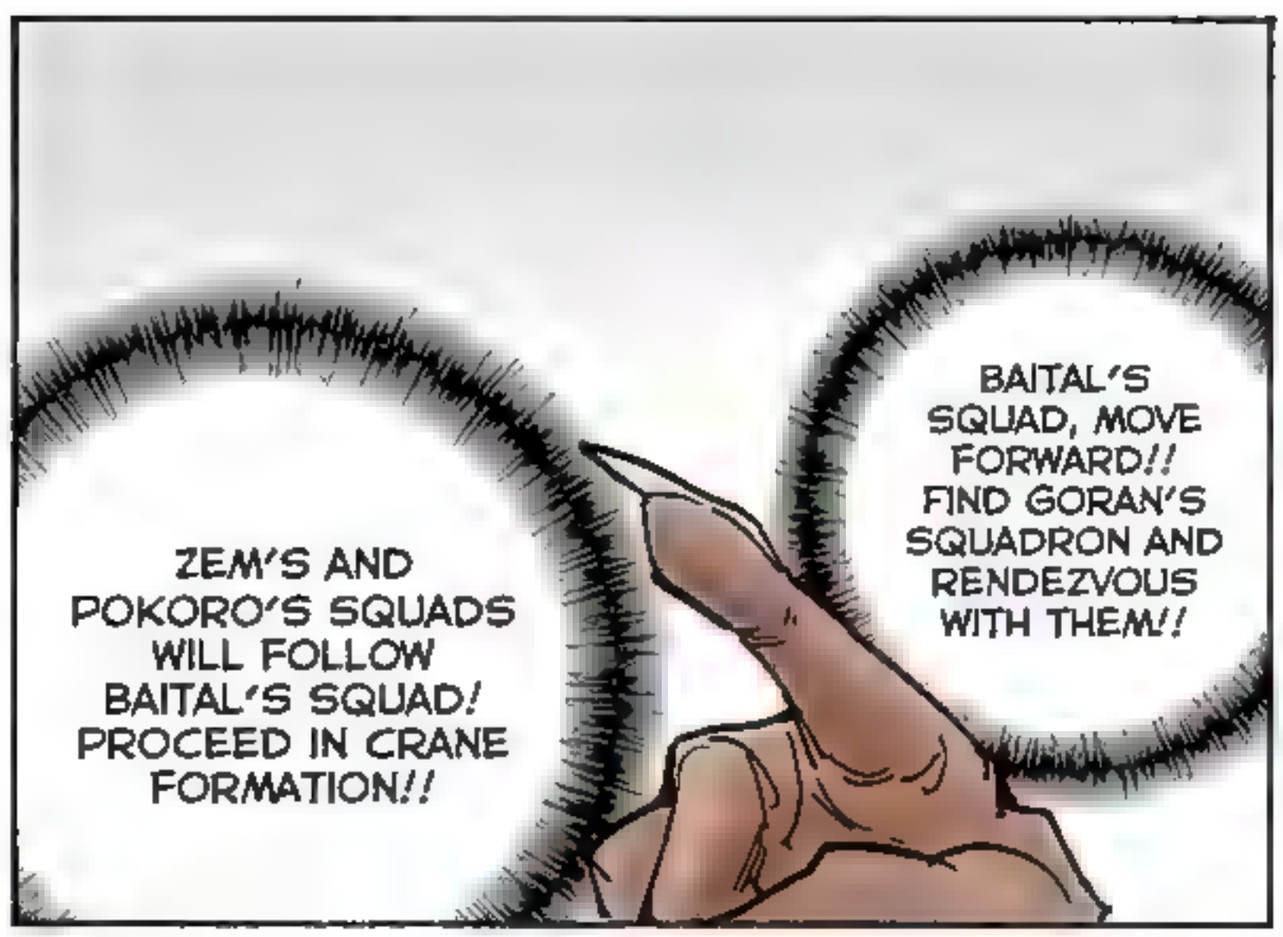
THIS IS IT...!! SMOKES THAT COVERS THE FOREST LIKE FOG...!!

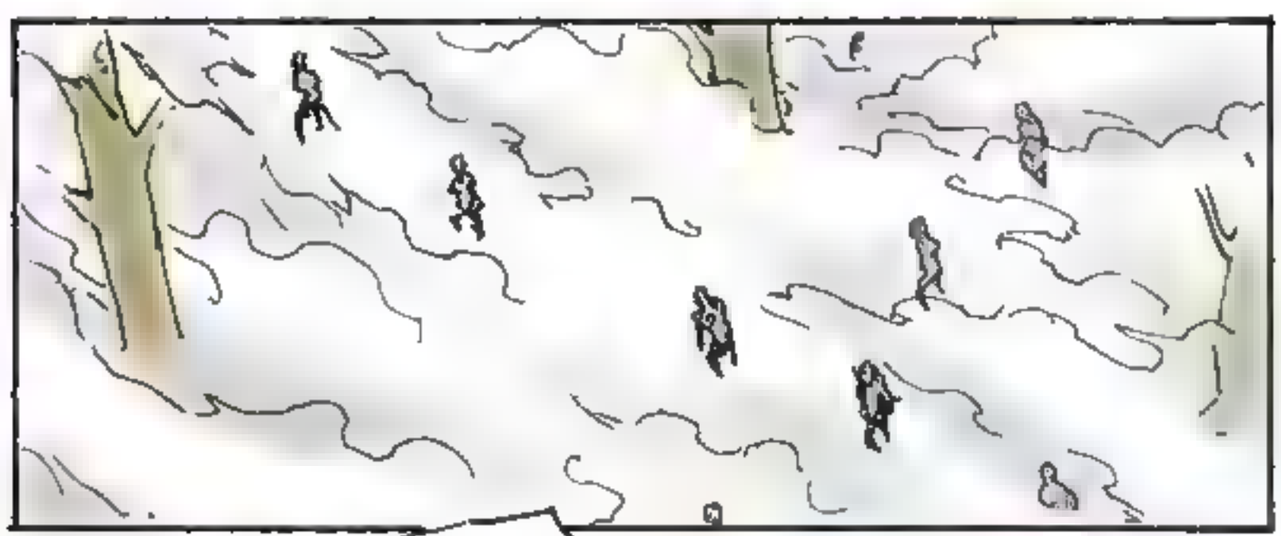
SO THICK ...

GORAN!! SOMEONE, ANYBODY, REPORT BACK!!

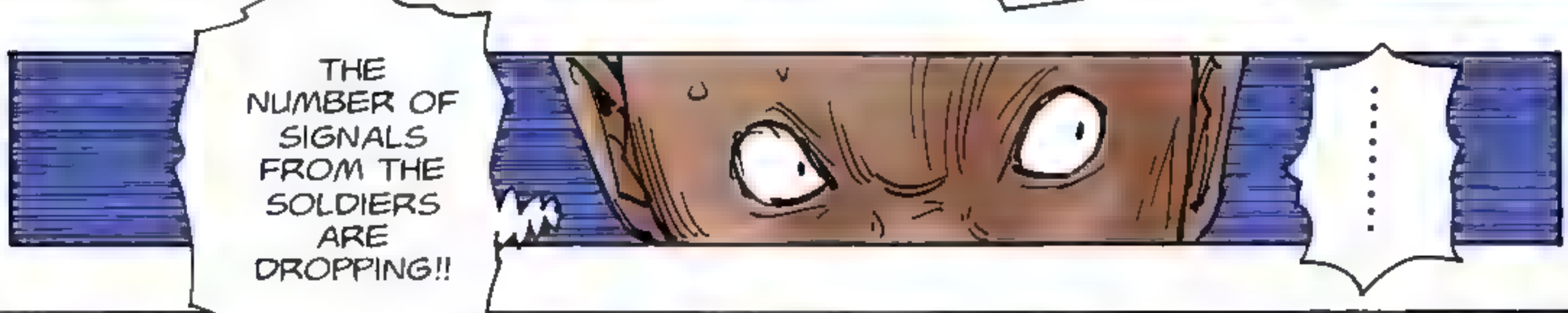
DID THEY GET HIM ALREADY ?!

GORAN!! RESPOND, GORAN!!


ZEM'S AND POKORO'S SQUADS WILL FOLLOW BAITAL'S SQUAD! PROCEED IN CRANE FORMATION!!
BAITAL'S SQUAD, MOVE FORWARD!! FIND GORAN'S SQUADRON AND RENDEZVOUS WITH THEM!!



DAMN.
I CAN'T TELL WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH ALL THESE SIGNALS GETTING MASHED UP!
THEY SHOULDVE ESTABLISHED A COMMUNICATION NETWORK TO OPERATE IN THE LEADER'S ABSENCE.


THE NUMBER OF SIGNALS FROM THE SOLDIERS ARE DROPPING!!
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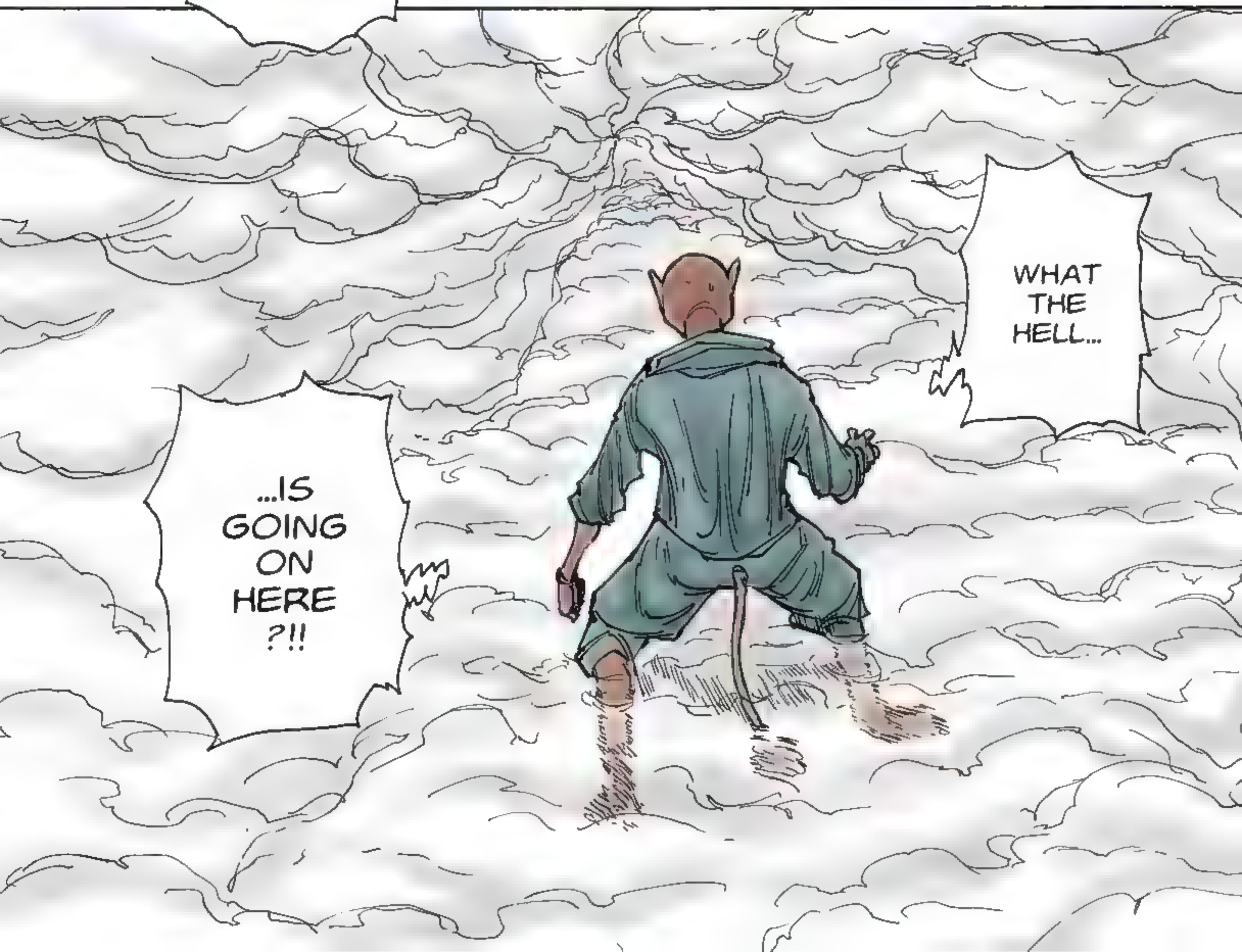
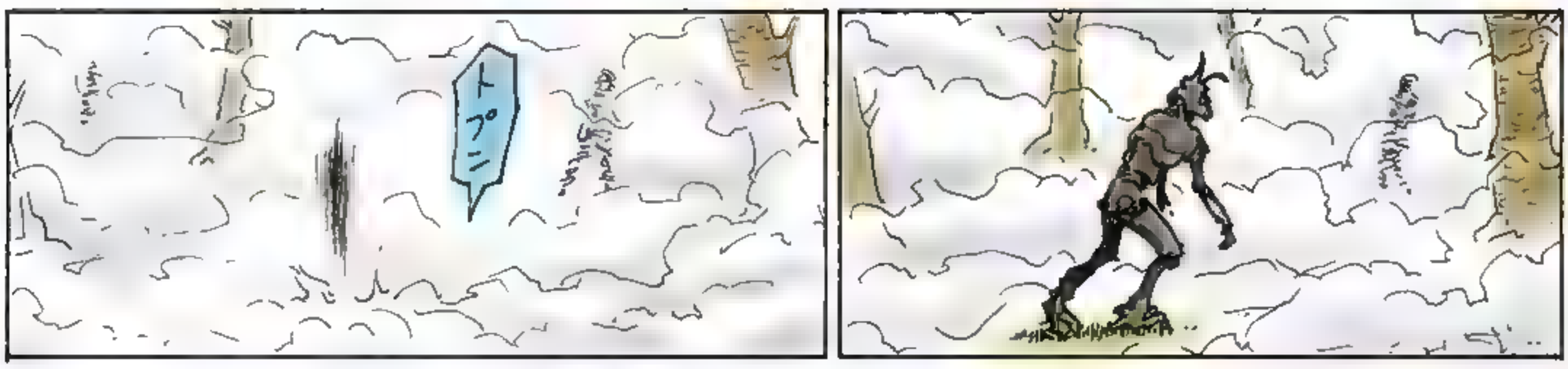

WHAT THE HELL...
...IS GOING ON HERE ?!!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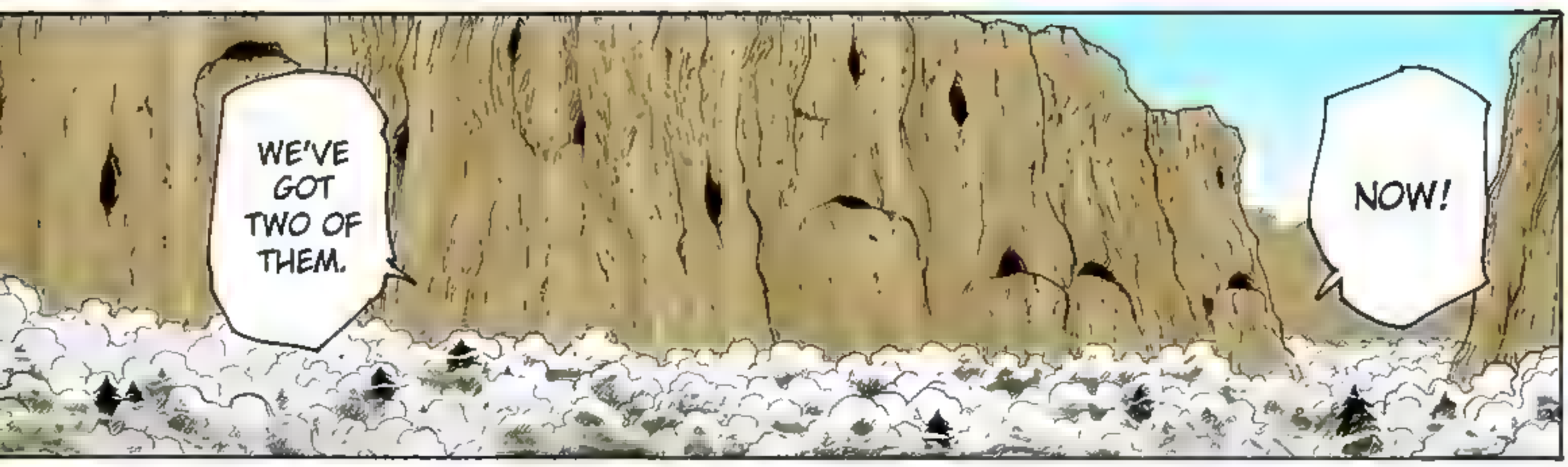
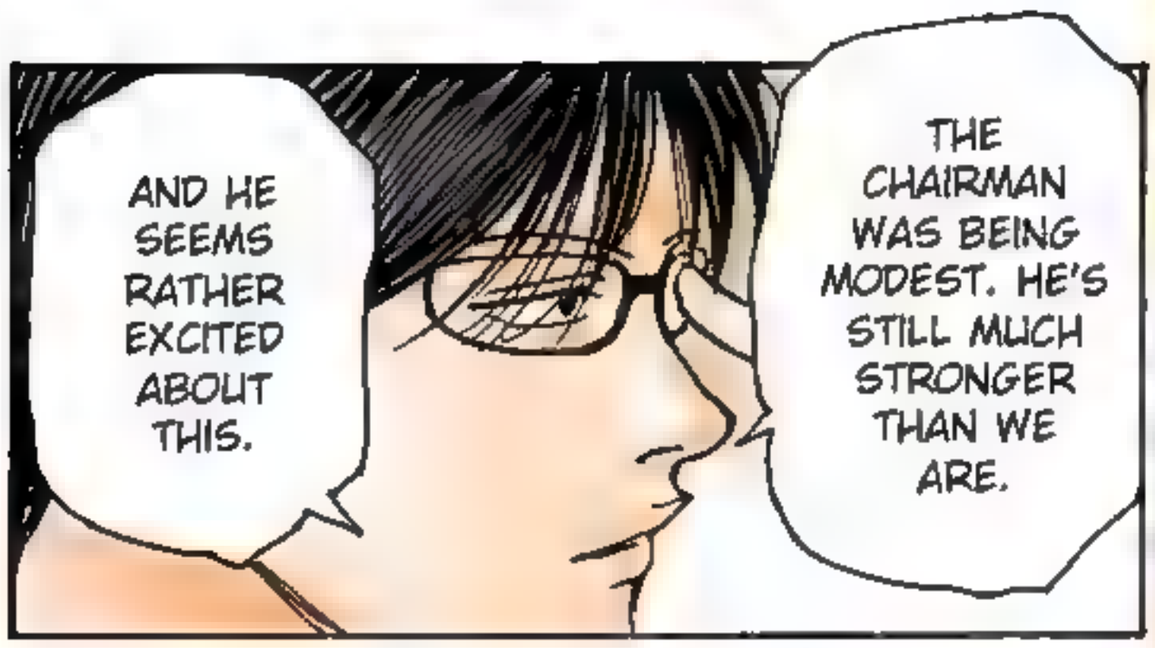
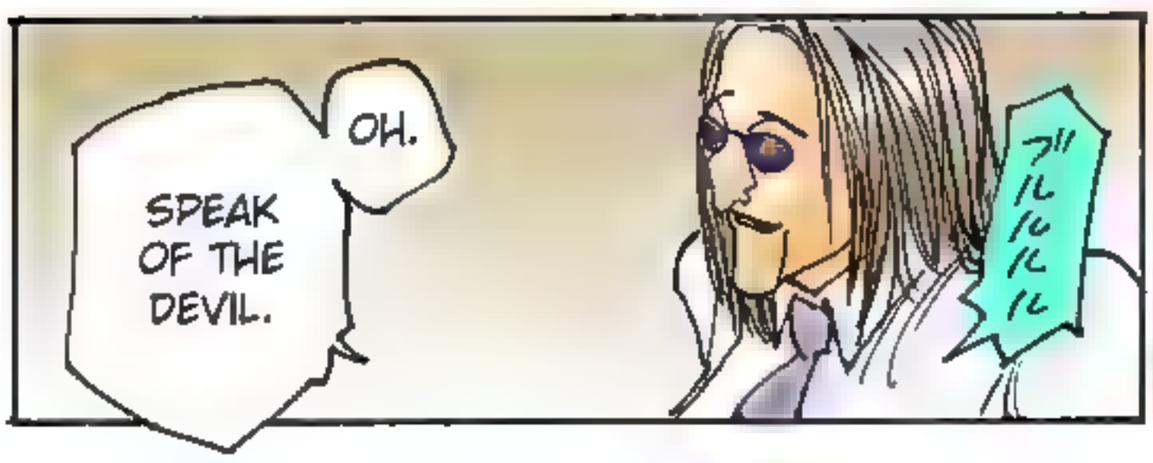

WE'VE GOT TWO OF THEM.
NOW!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IS THIS REALLY FAIR?


AND HE SEEMS RATHER EXCITED ABOUT THIS.
THE CHAIRMAN WAS BEING MODEST. HE'S STILL MUCH STRONGER THAN WE ARE.


OH.
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
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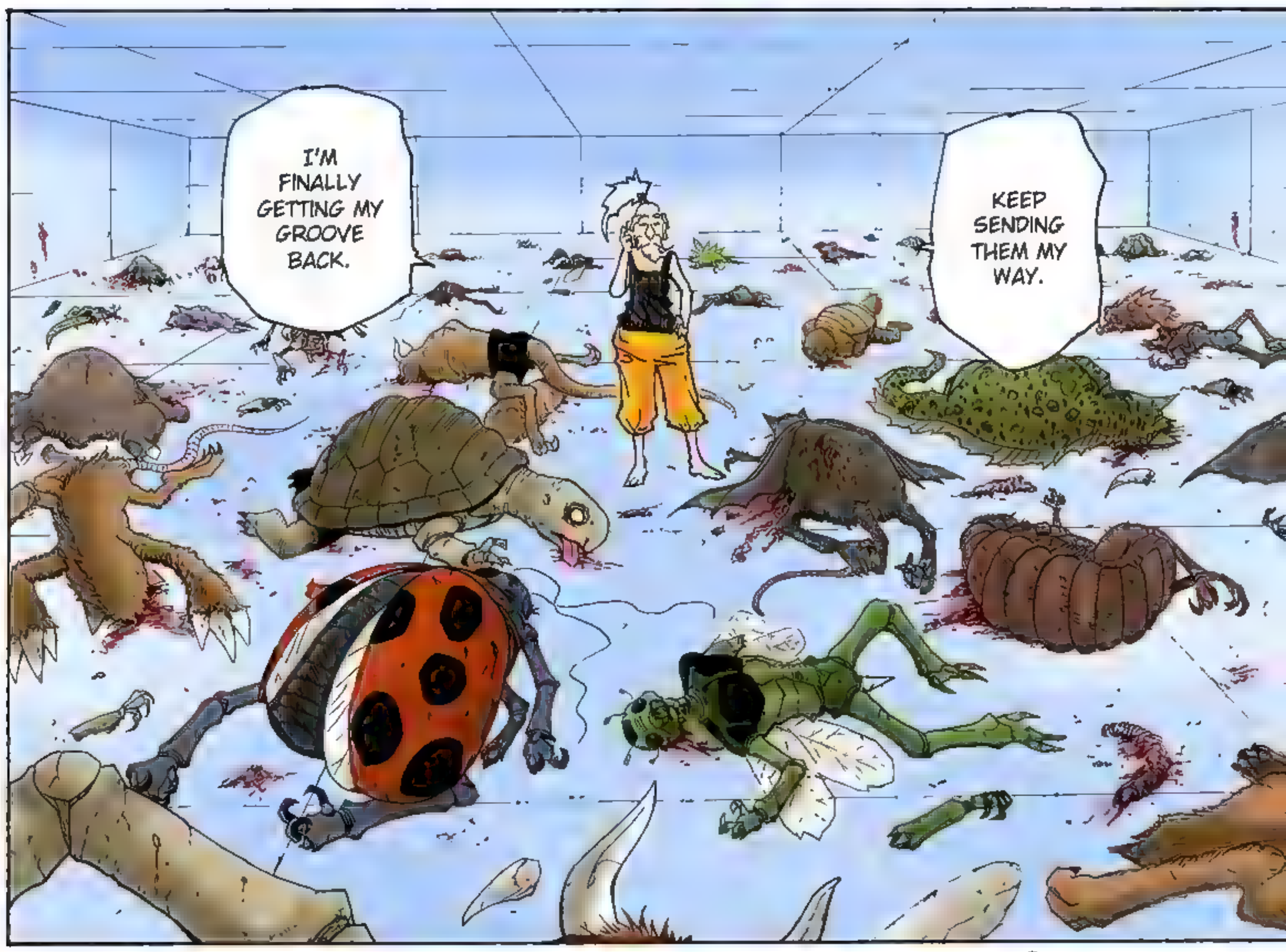
BUT IT'S FOOL-PROOF.
ALL WE DO IS SEND ENEMIES TO THE OLD MAN. HE'S THE ONE TAKING THEM OUT. THIS IS A LITTLE TOO EASY.

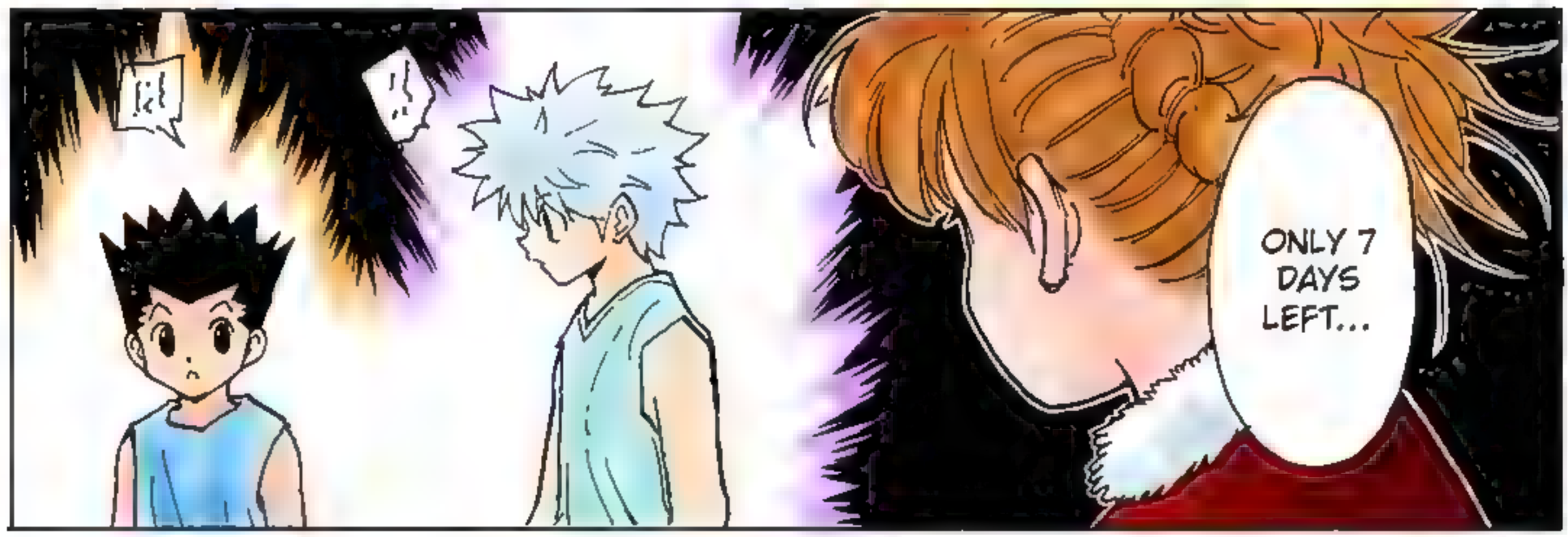

I'M FINALLY GETTING MY GROOVE BACK.
KEEP SENDING THEM MY WAY.

SHALL WE GRAB ANOTHER SQUADRON?
THE OLD MAN'S IN TOP FORM.

WE'RE DOWN TO 14 SQUADRONS ...

THAT MEANS ...

BAITAL AND GAFTZ'S SQUADRONS HAVEN'T RETURNED.



DO YOU WANT TO COME OUT...?

HEE HEE HEE ...

OKAY!! THAT'S THREE HOURS!!

OH.

ALREADY ?

AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT KNUCKLE NOW?

HUH?

THEN I'LL GIVE YOU A 30 MINUTE BREAK.

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YOU CAN TAKE HIM!

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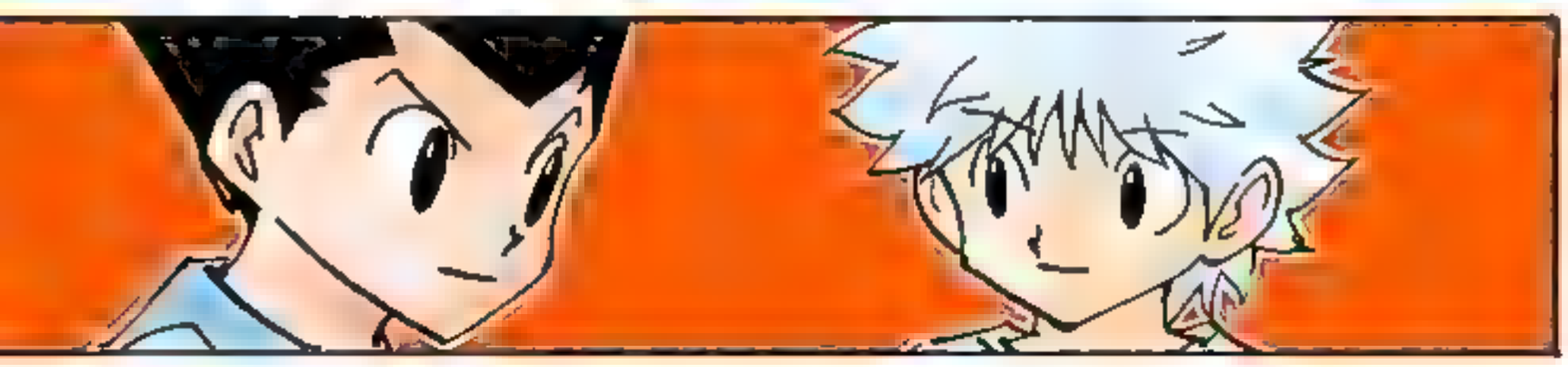
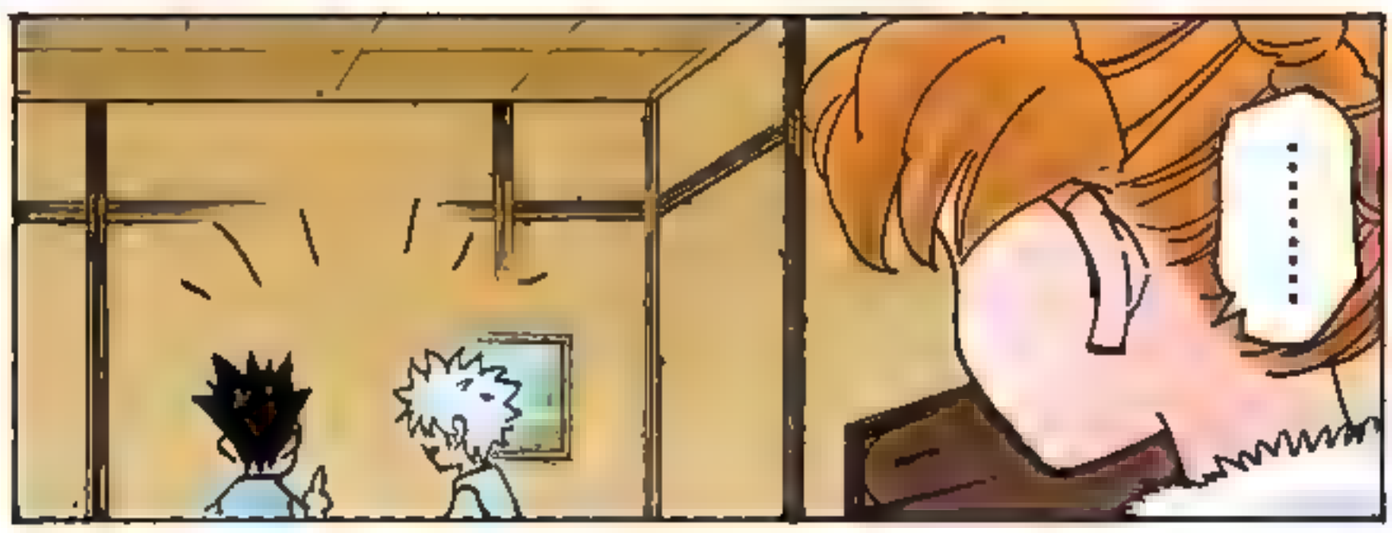
YOU CAN GO ONCE YOU'RE RESTED.





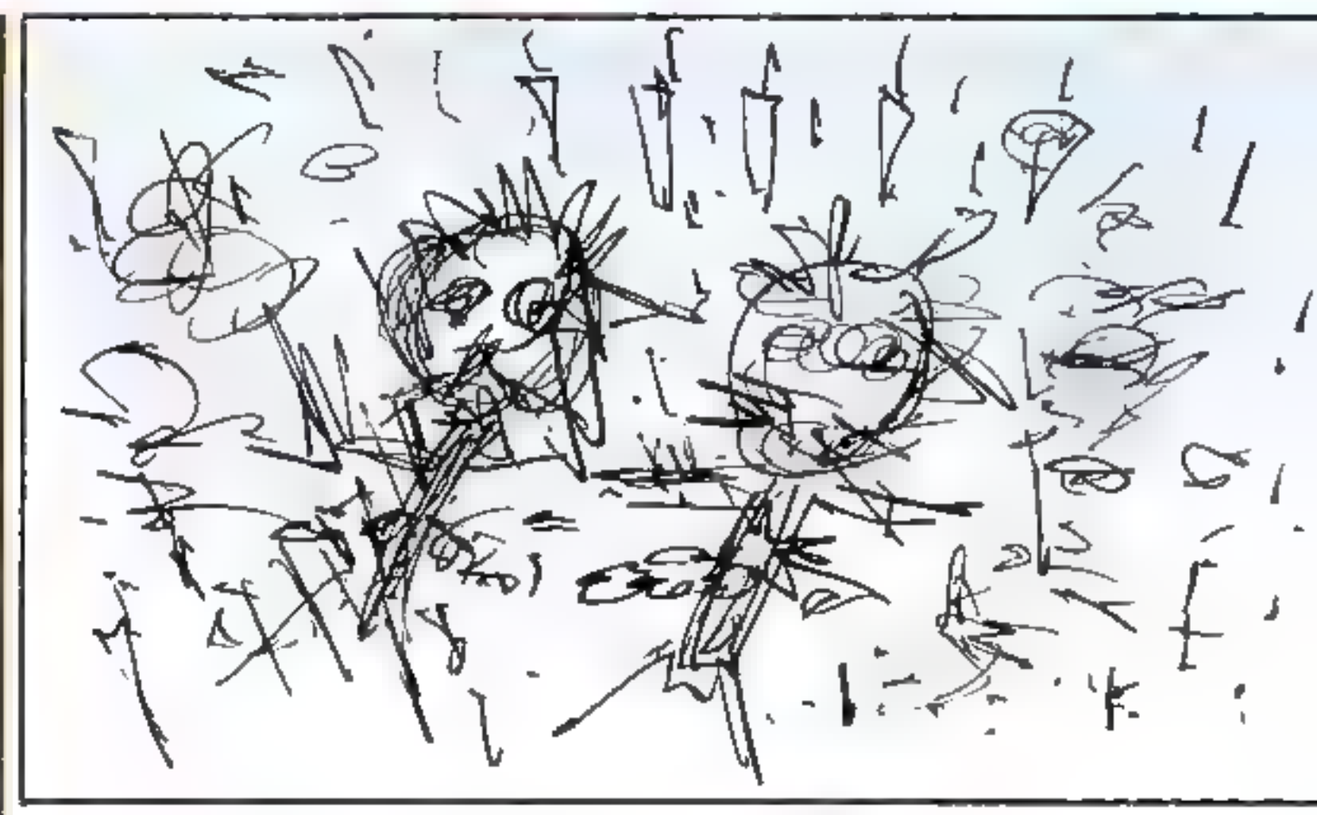
No.206 ◆ A REAL FIGHT

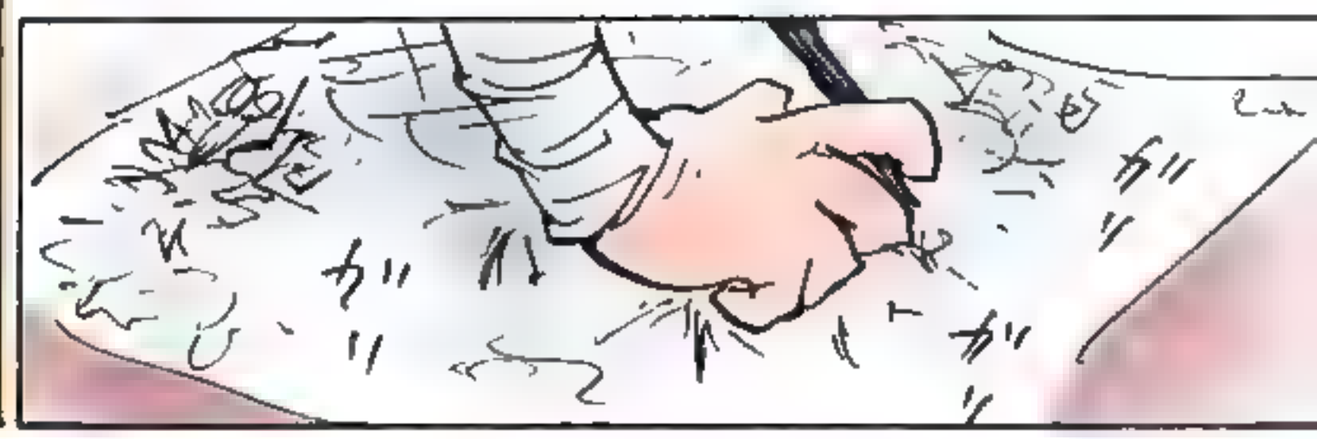
IF THEY CAN EACH IDENTIFY WHAT THEY'RE MISSING, THEN THIS TRAINING WAS A SUCCESS.

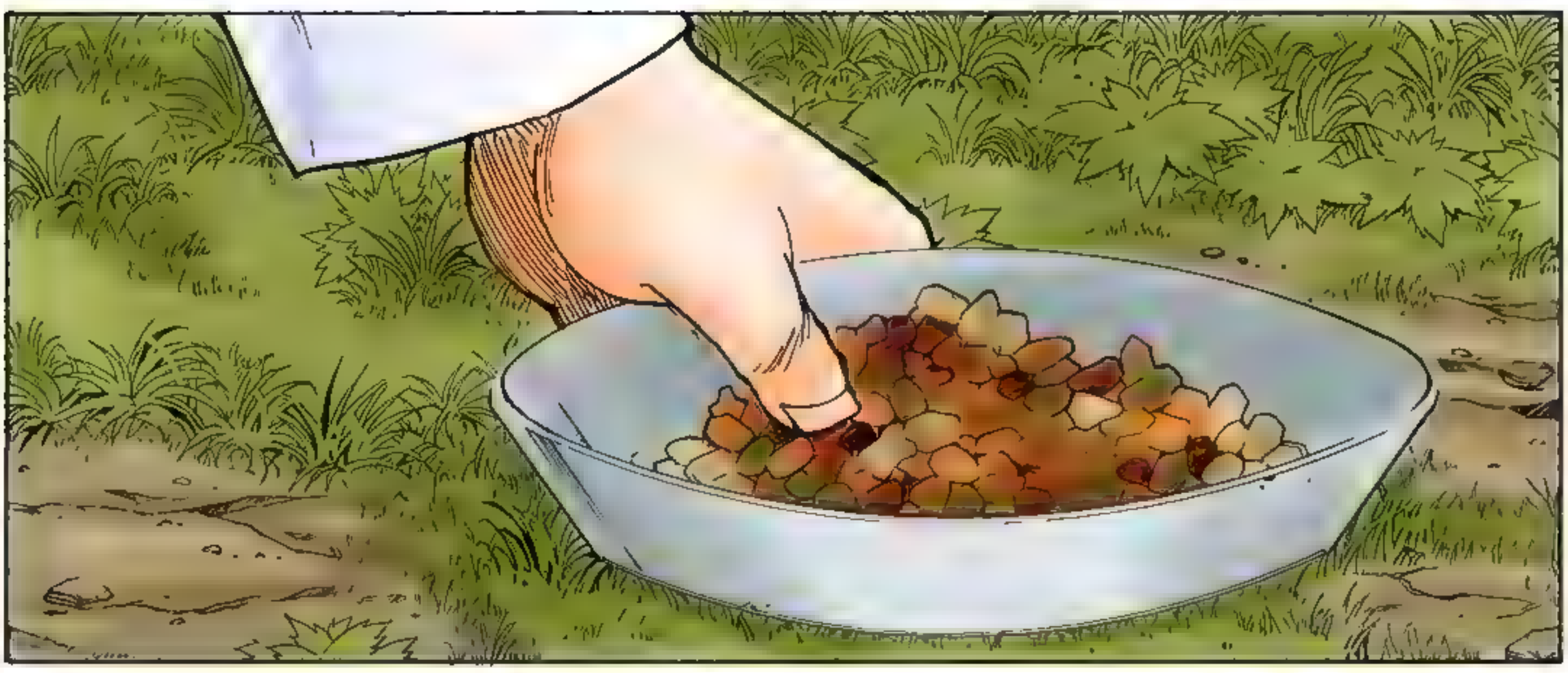
WELL, IF THEY GIVE IT ALL THEY'VE GOT, THEY'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS, NO MATTER WHATEVER HAPPENS.

NOW, THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO ESCAPE...

...BUT AS FOR GON AND KILLUA.

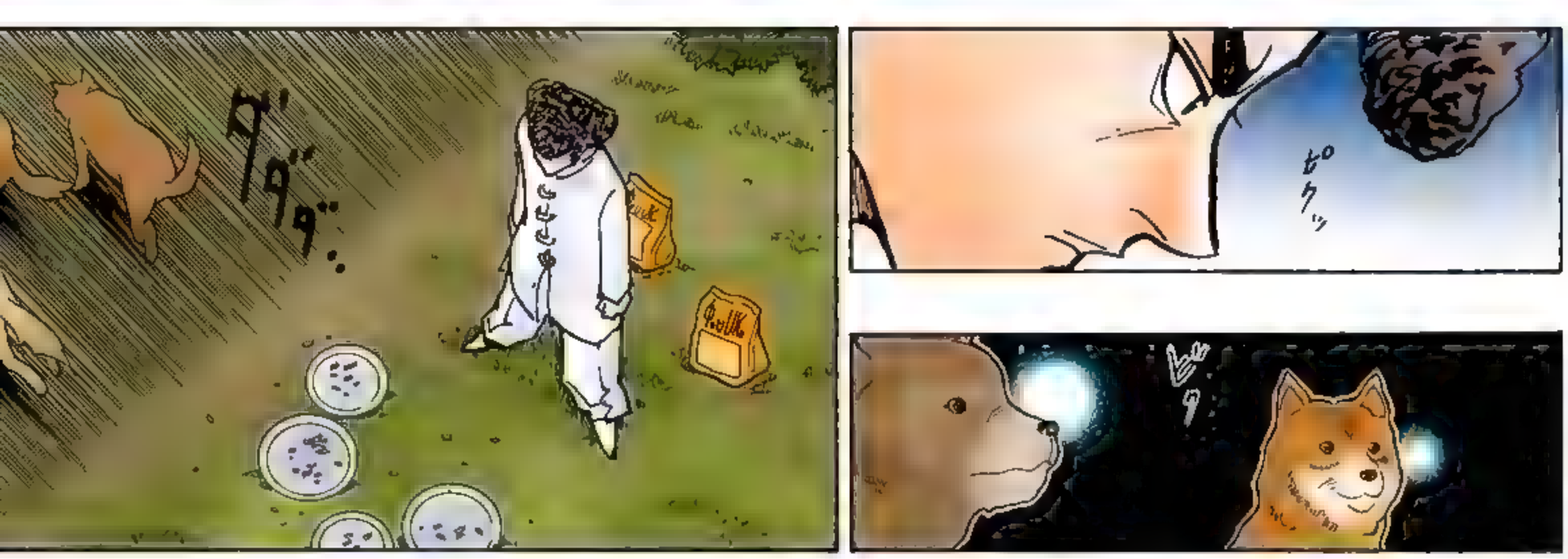






THERE'S PLENTY TO GO AROUND.

EAT UP YOU GUYS.



LOOKS LIKE YOU MEAN BUSINESS TONIGHT.

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No.206 ◆ A REAL FIGHT

HUH?

...I WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOUR PARTNER IS.

BEFORE WE BEGIN...

YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET THE CRAP BEATEN OUT OF YOU.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT?

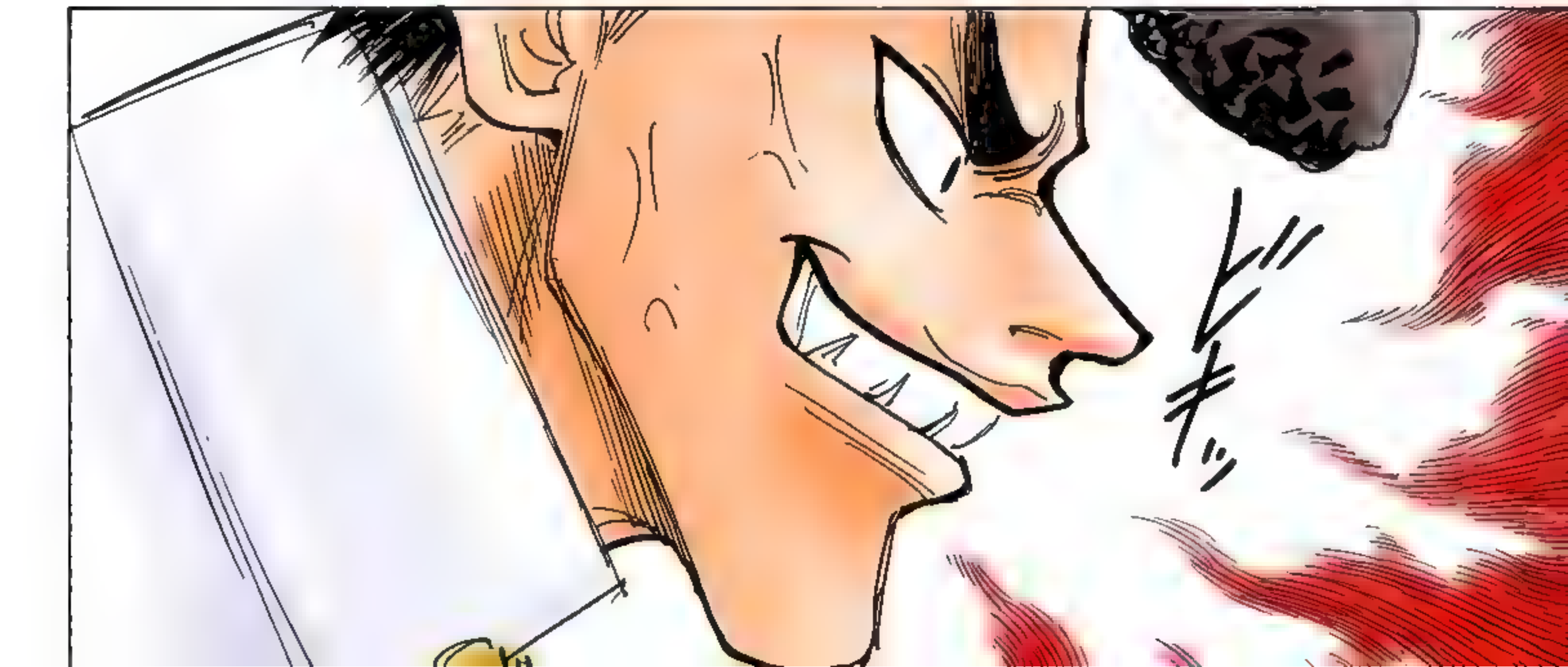
IF YOU DEFEAT ME, I'LL TELL YOU.

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

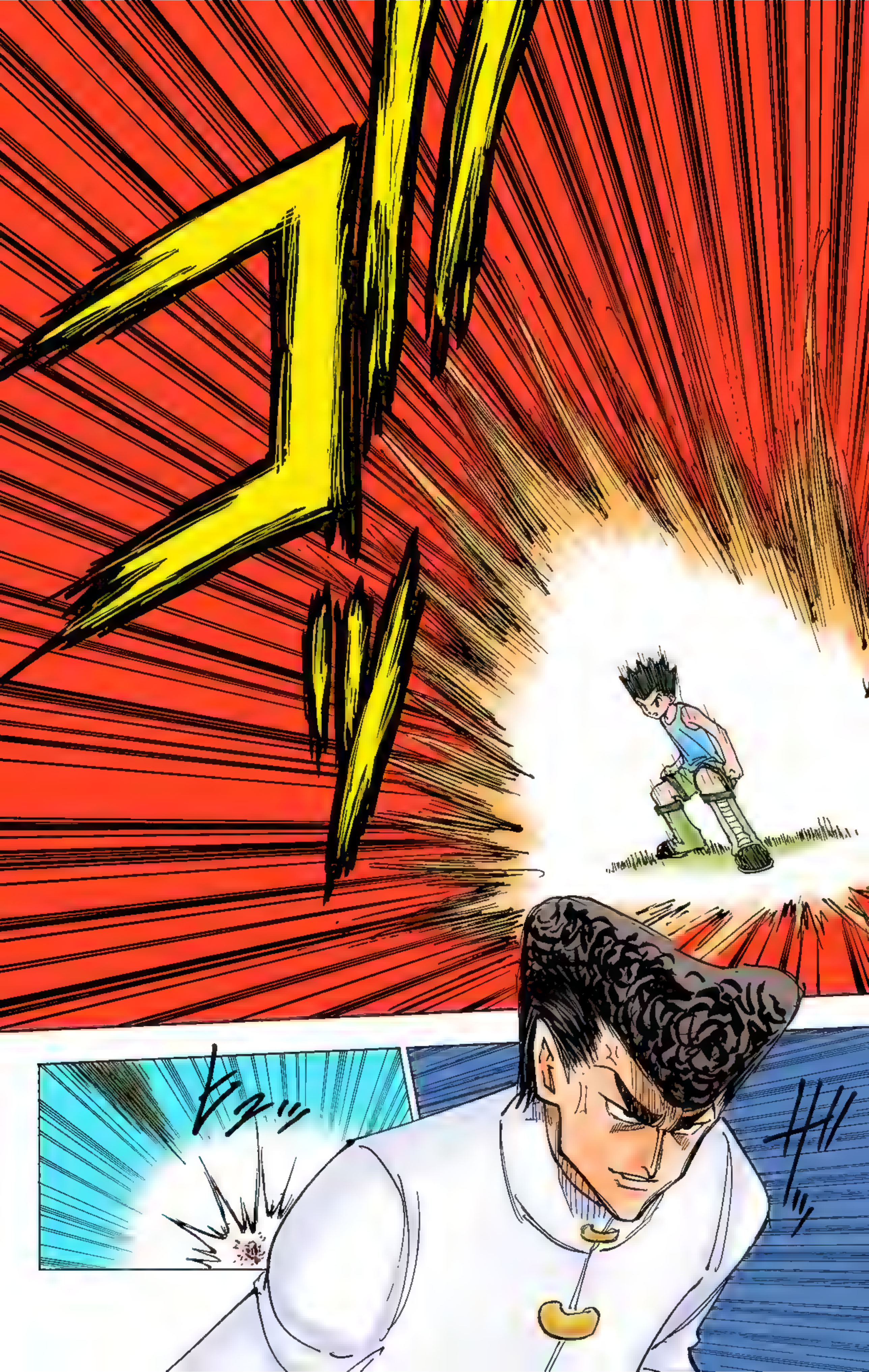
YOU MIGHT BE OUT COLD BY THAT TIME.

WE MIGHT NOT GET A CHANCE TO ASK YOU THEN.

WE NEED BOTH YOUR TILES.



...ISN'T FUNNY.
NOW THAT...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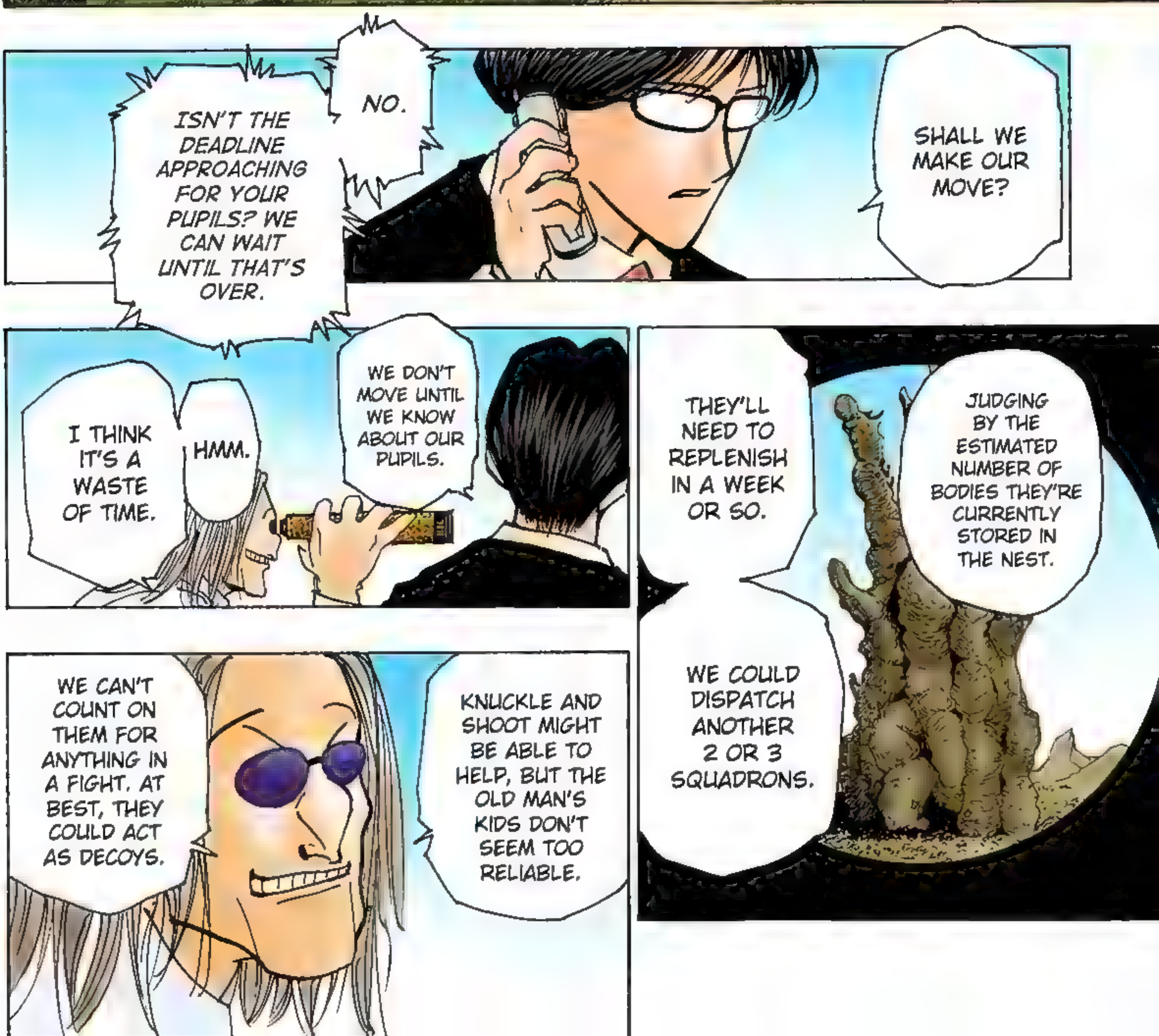
ORA

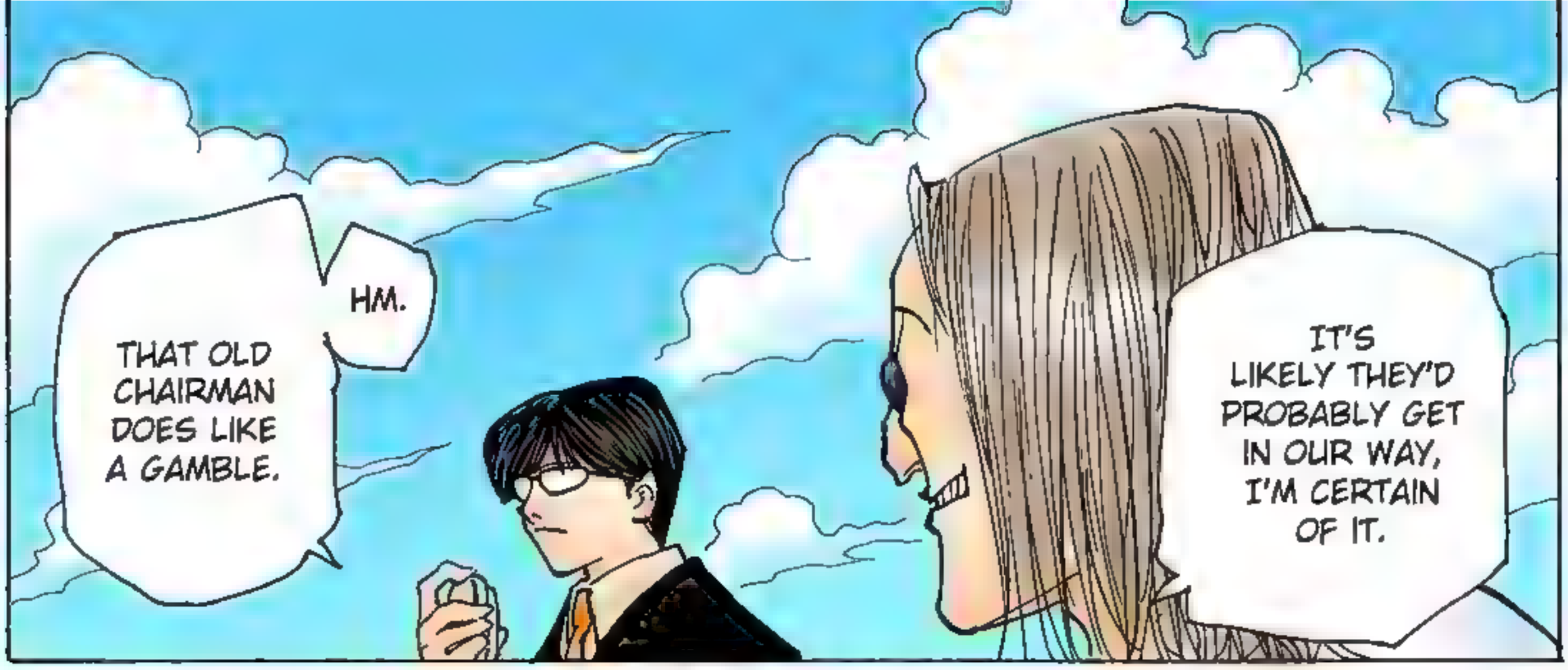
YOU BETTER WATCH YOURSELF.
AFTER ANOTHER 4 OR 5 WARM-UP PUNCHES, I'LL GET SERIOUS.
WITHOUT "KEN", HIS NEXT PUNCH WILL KNOCK ME OUT!!
THAT HIT WAS HARD!! I COULD FEEL THE IMPACT THROUGHOUT MY ENTIRE BODY.
...I WARM UP FAST.
BECAUSE ...

AS EXPECTED, THEY'VE HOLED THEMSELVES UP INSIDE.

YEP.

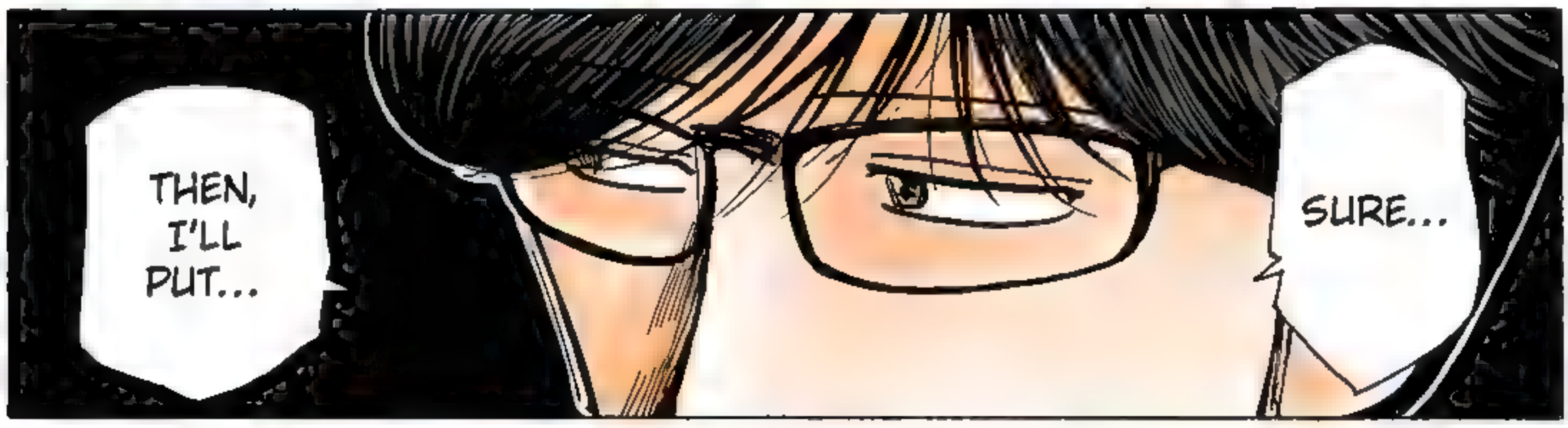
THERE'S NO ONE STILL?

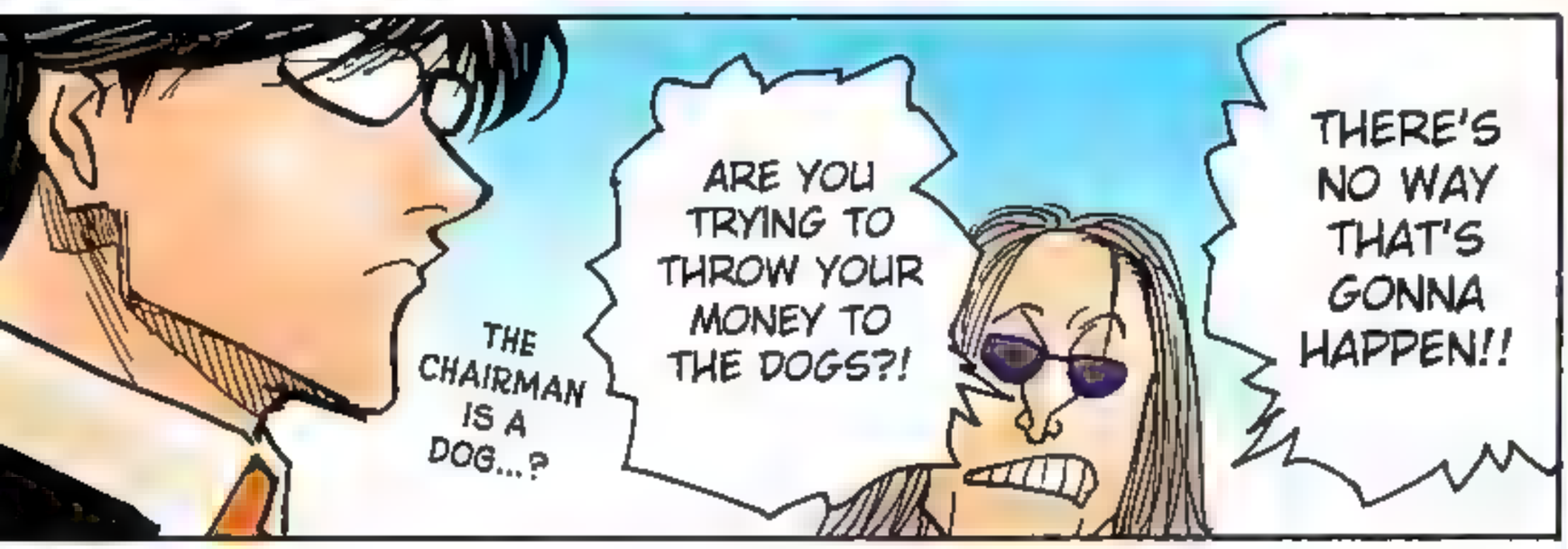


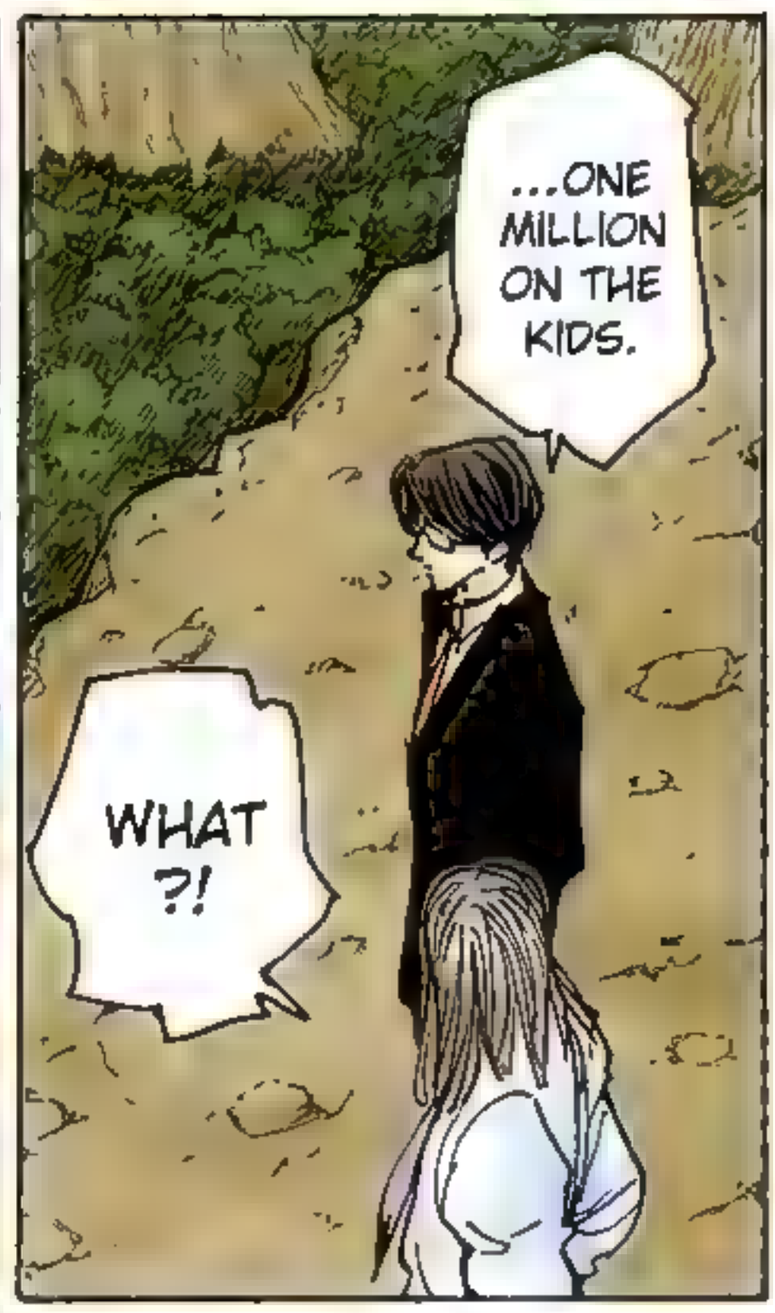

THAT OLD CHAIRMAN DOES LIKE A GAMBLE.
HM.
IT'S LIKELY THEY'D PROBABLY GET IN OUR WAY, I'M CERTAIN OF IT.

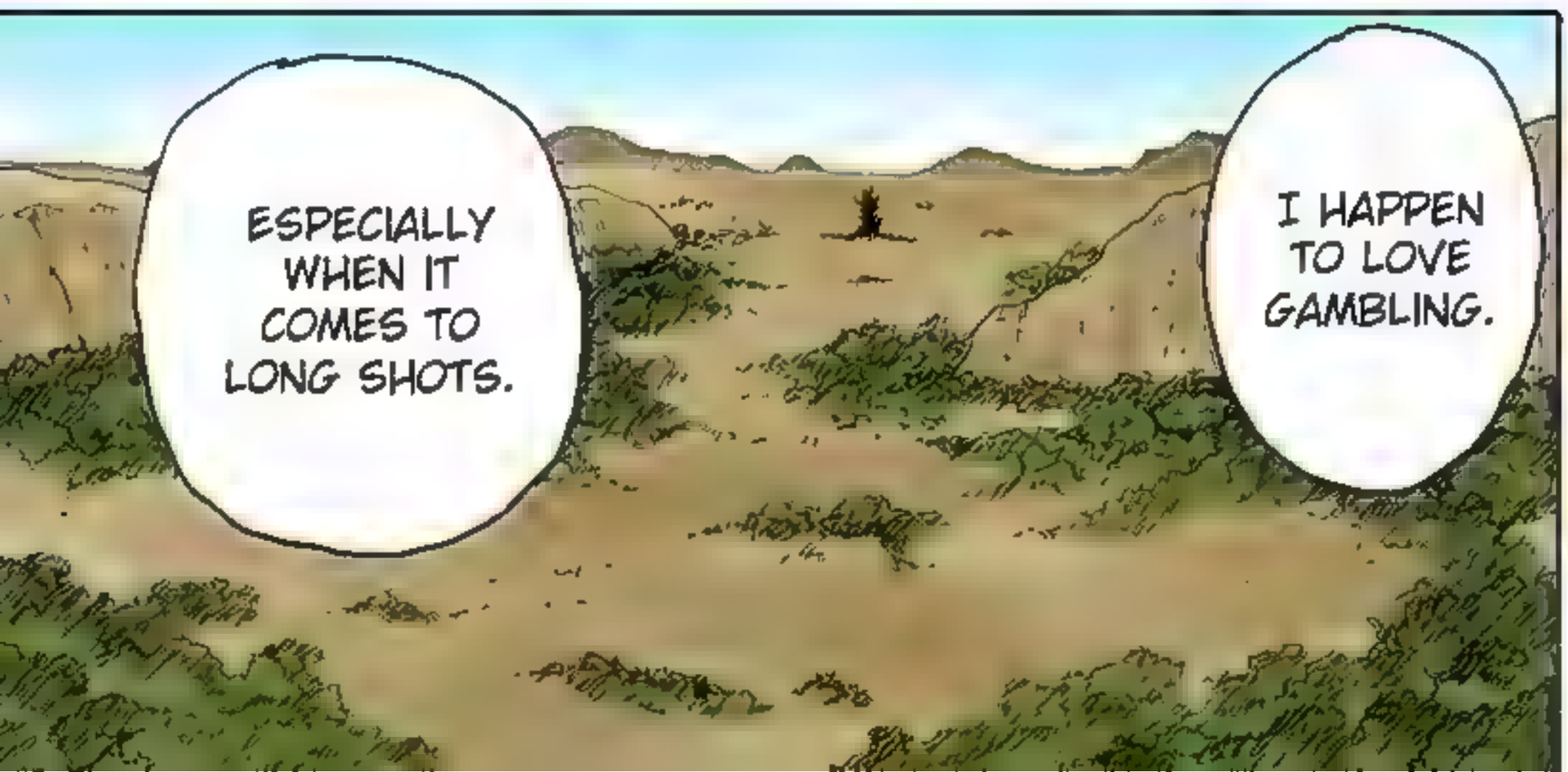
HOW ABOUT IT?
IF WE'RE BOTH WRONG, THE CHAIRMAN GETS THE MONEY.
I'LL PUT 100,000 JENNY ON KNUCKLE AND SHOOT.

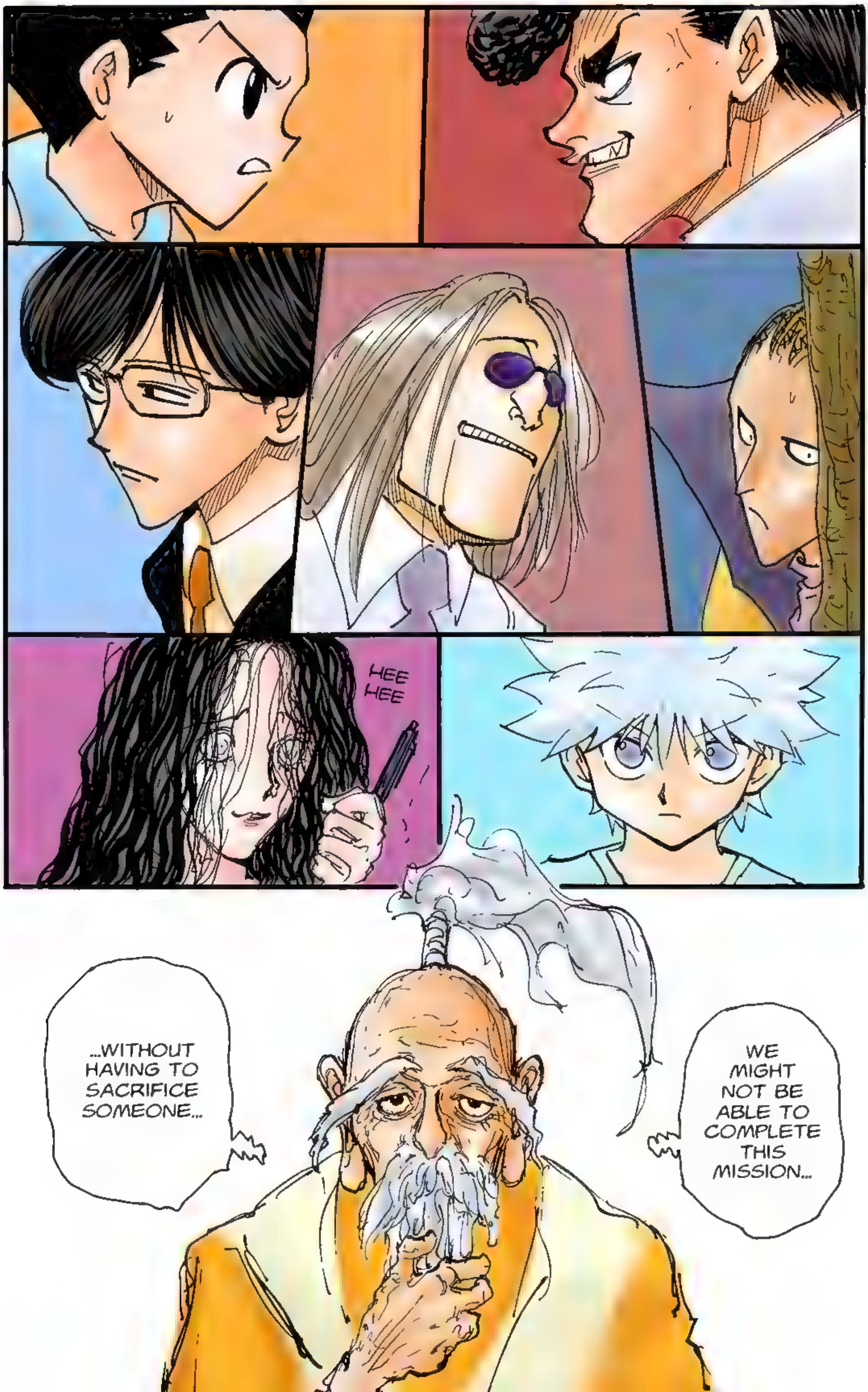
LET'S SEE WHO'S PUPIL WILL SHOW UP TOMORROW.
WANNA MAKE A WAGER?


THEN, I'LL PUT...
SURE...


THE CHAIRMAN IS A DOG...?
ARE YOU TRYING TO THROW YOUR MONEY TO THE DOGS?!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S GONNA HAPPEN!!


...ONE MILLION ON THE KIDS.
WHAT ?!


ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO LONG SHOTS.
I HAPPEN TO LOVE GAMBLING.


HEE HEE
...WITHOUT HAVING TO SACRIFICE SOMEONE...
WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THIS MISSION...

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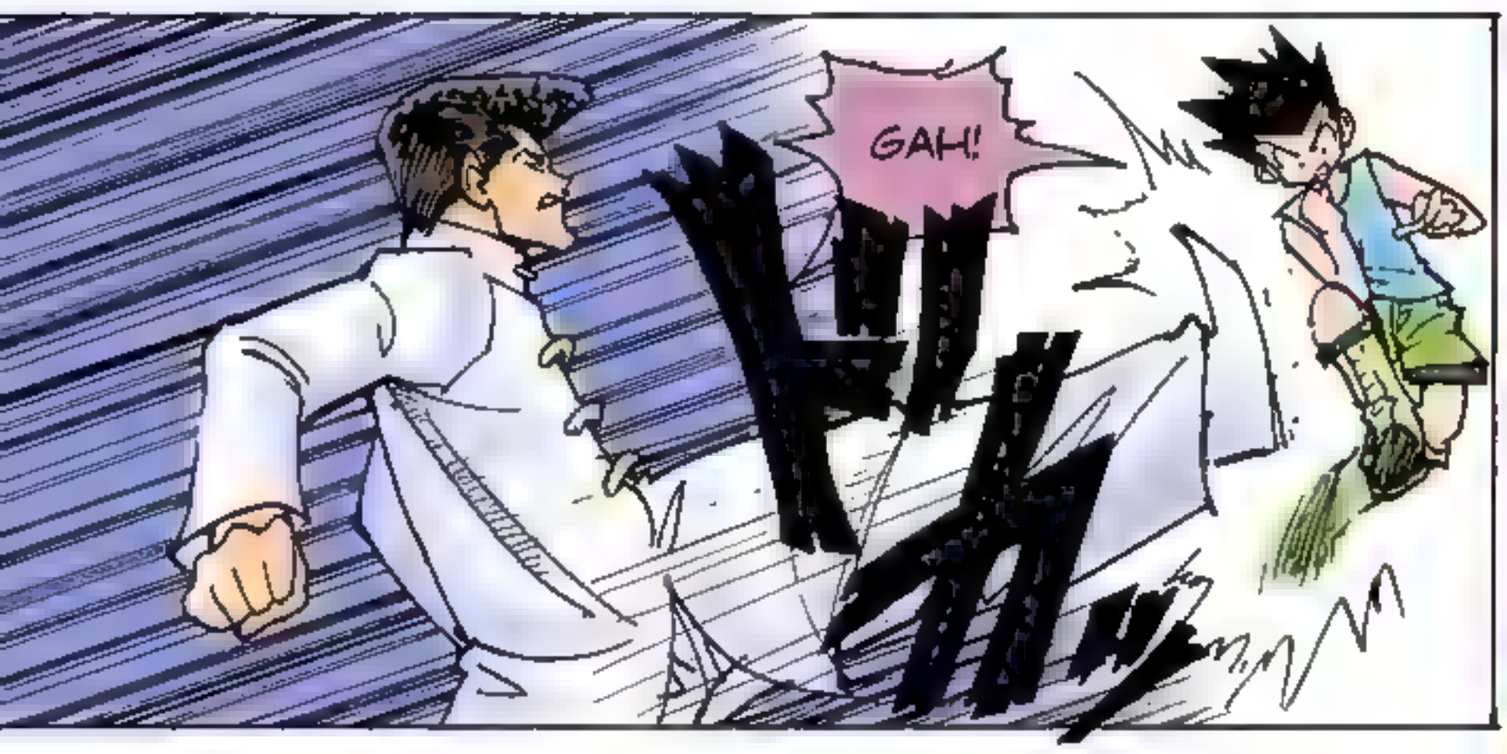
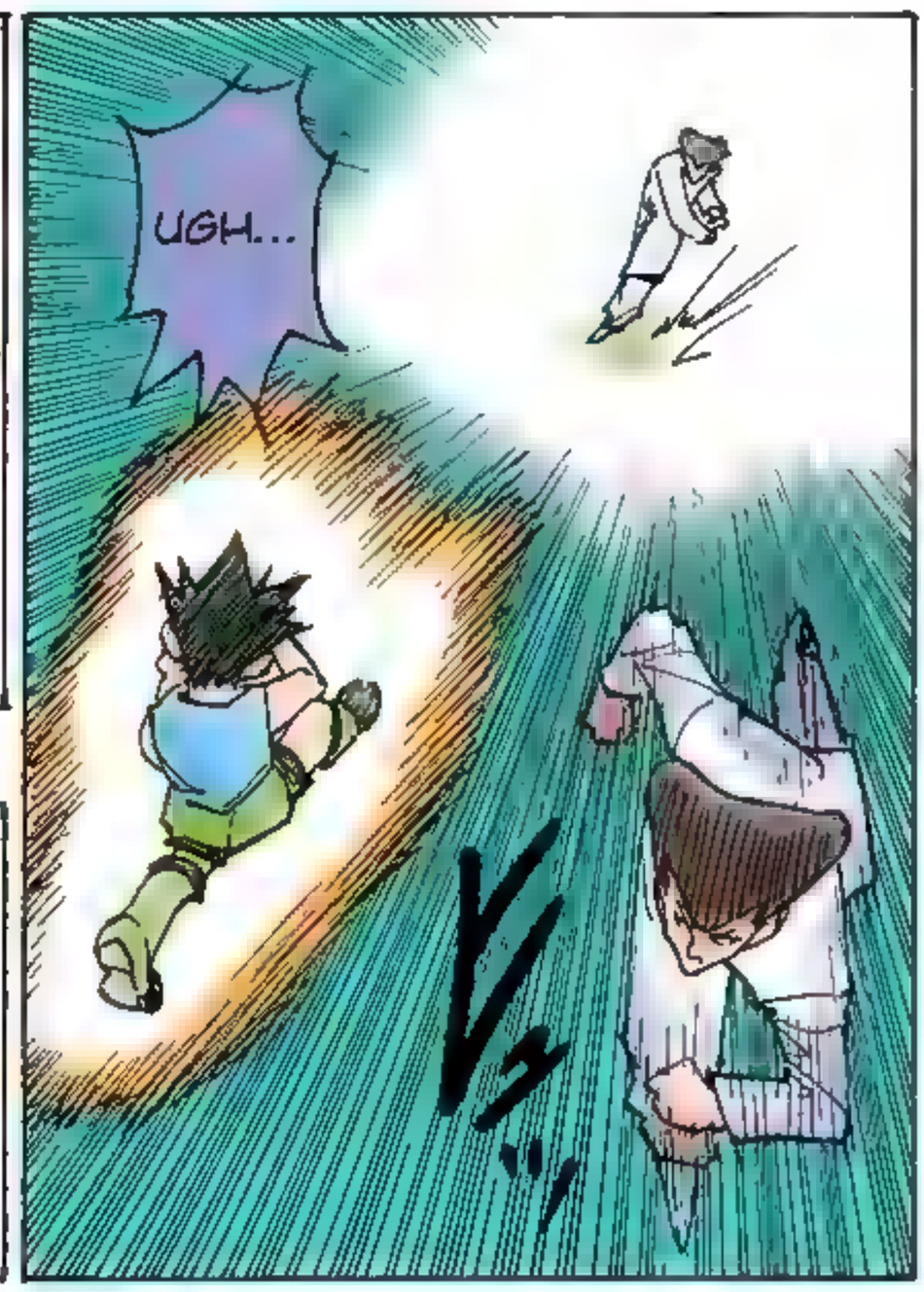
No.207 ◆ WEAKNESS: PART ①

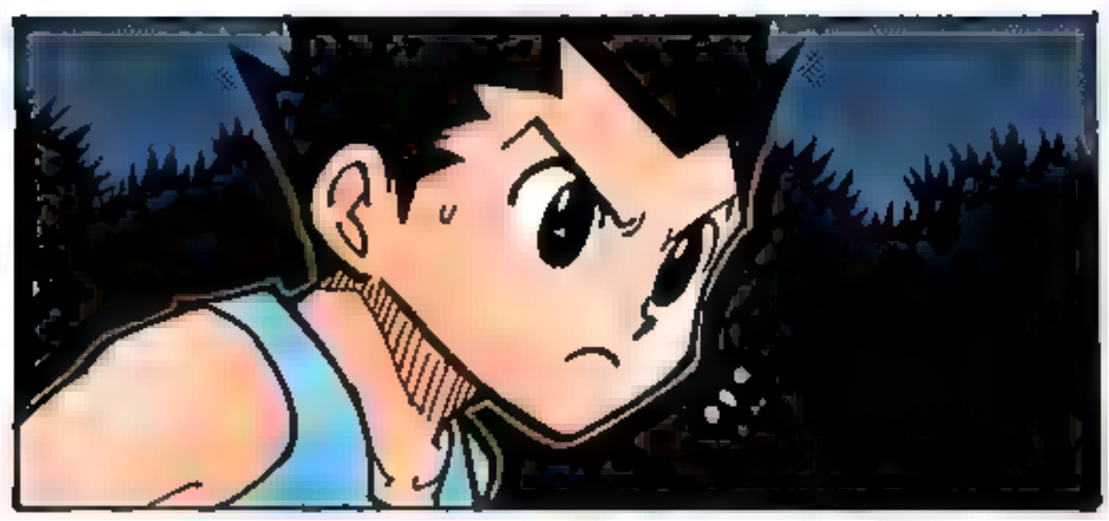


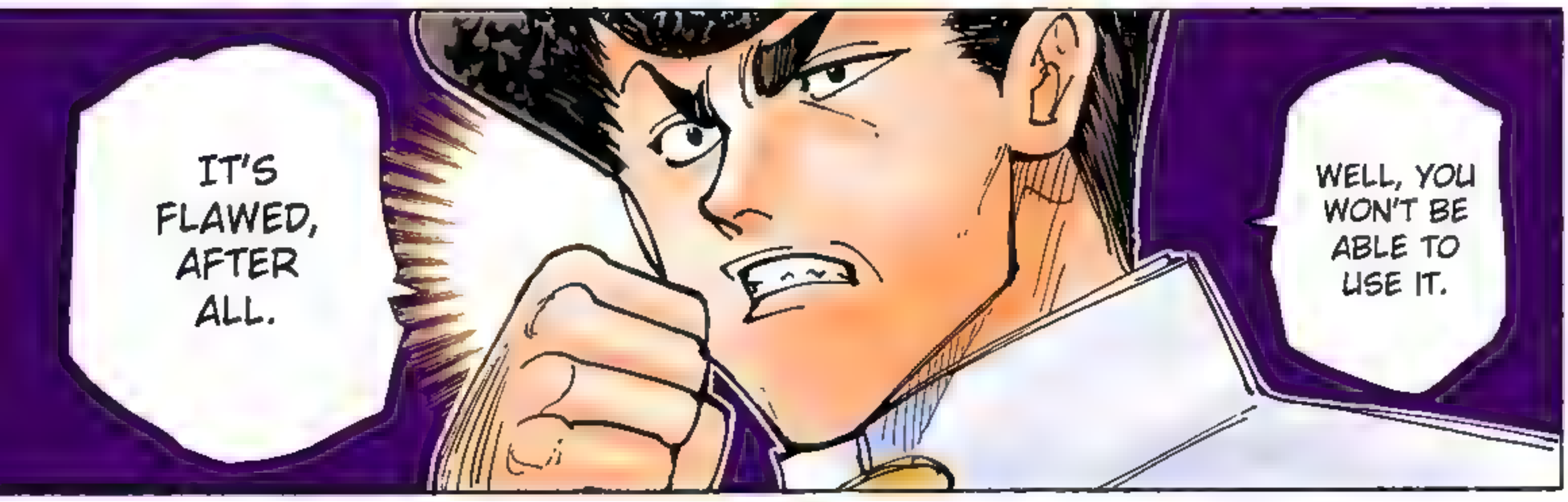


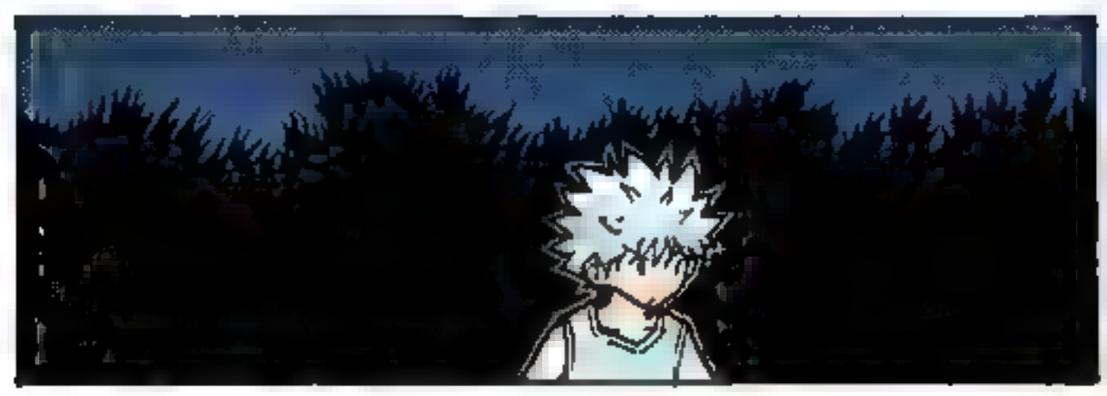
YOUCH!!

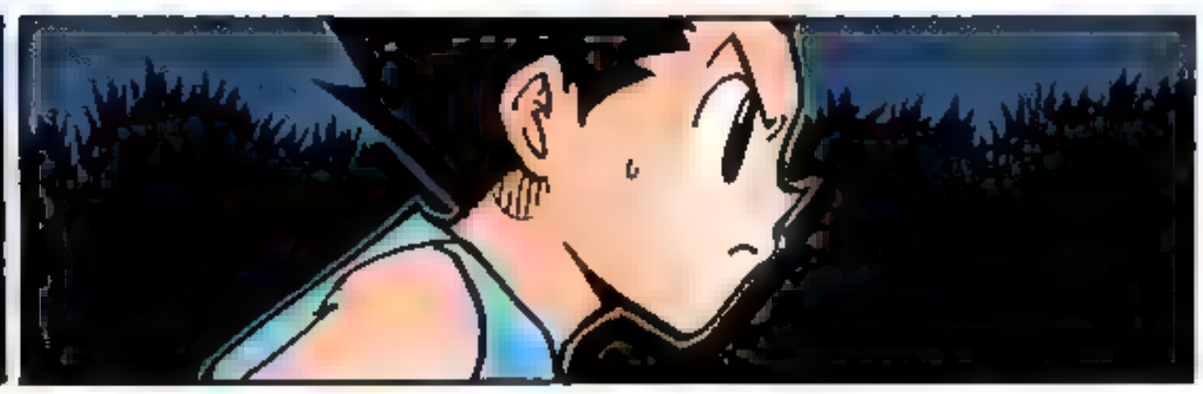
BUT WHY IS KNUCKLE... COULD IT BE...?

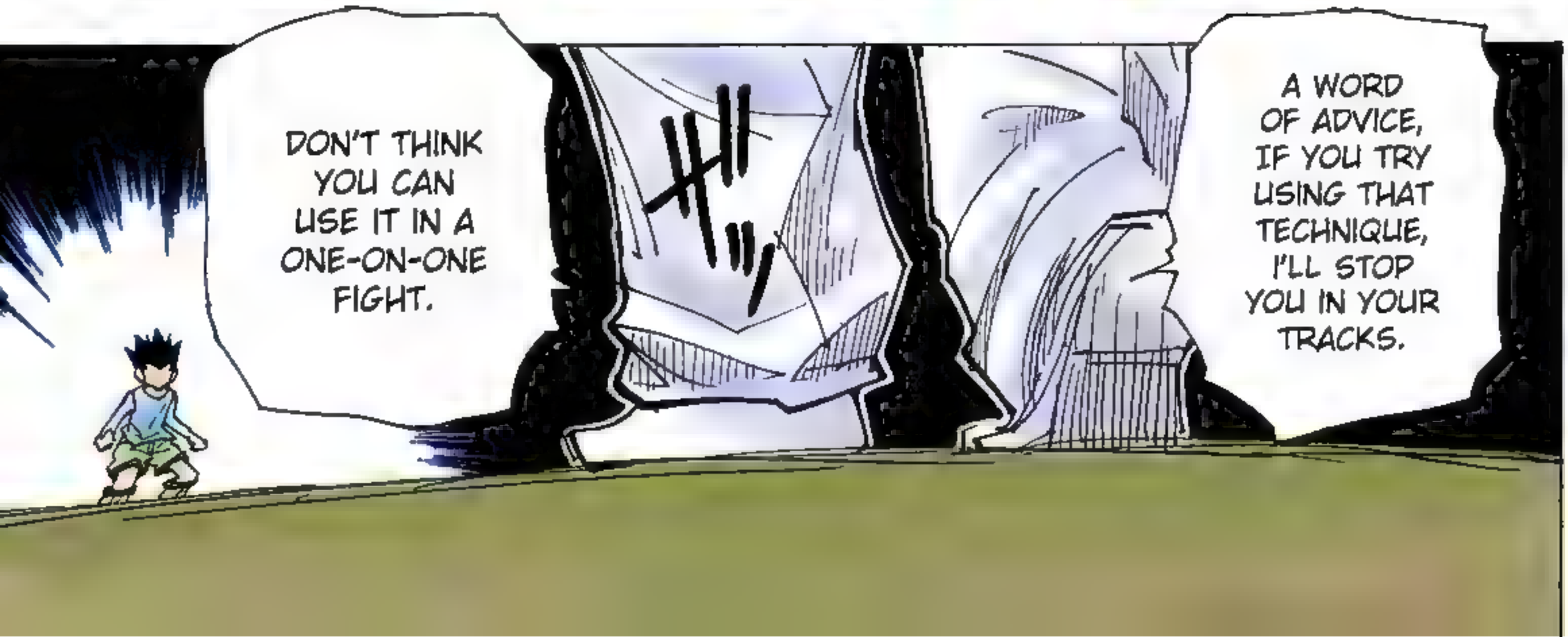
THIS IS A WARM UP...?! DAMN IT... HE'S STRONG!!











IN YOUR SIGNATURE TECHNIQUE!!

THERE'S TWO MAJOR FLAWS!!

SO, GON...

.....

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER CAME UP WITH ONE!!

UH-OH ...!!

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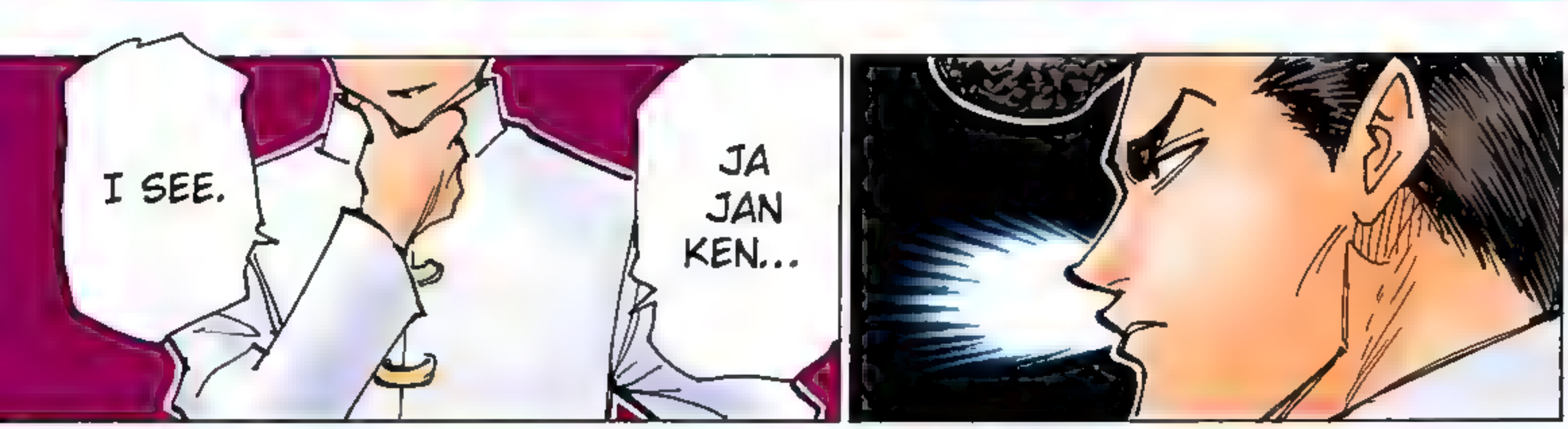
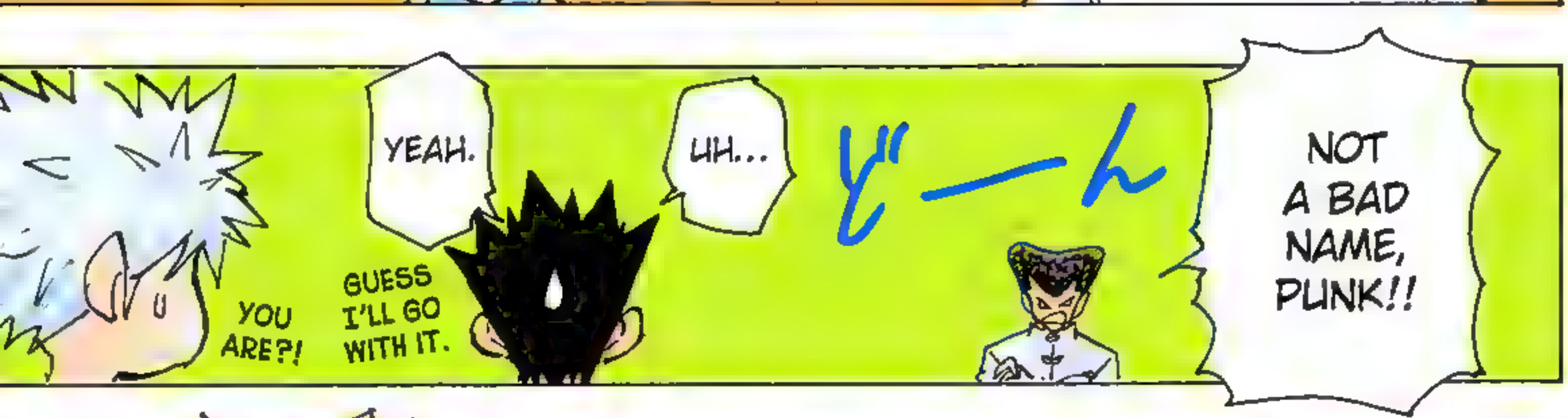
WHAT DID YOU CALL YOUR TECHNIQUE ?

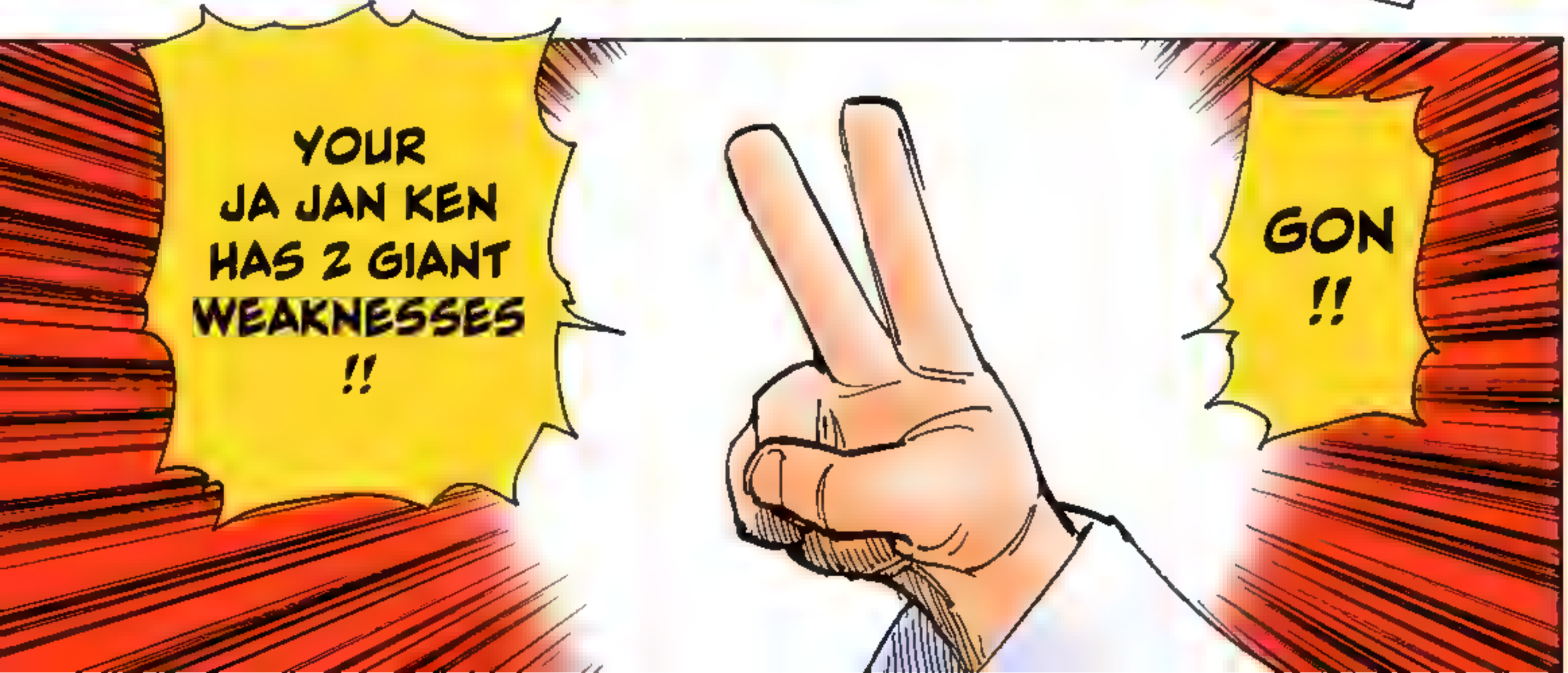
WOW, NO EFFORT...

JAN KEN...!!

JA...

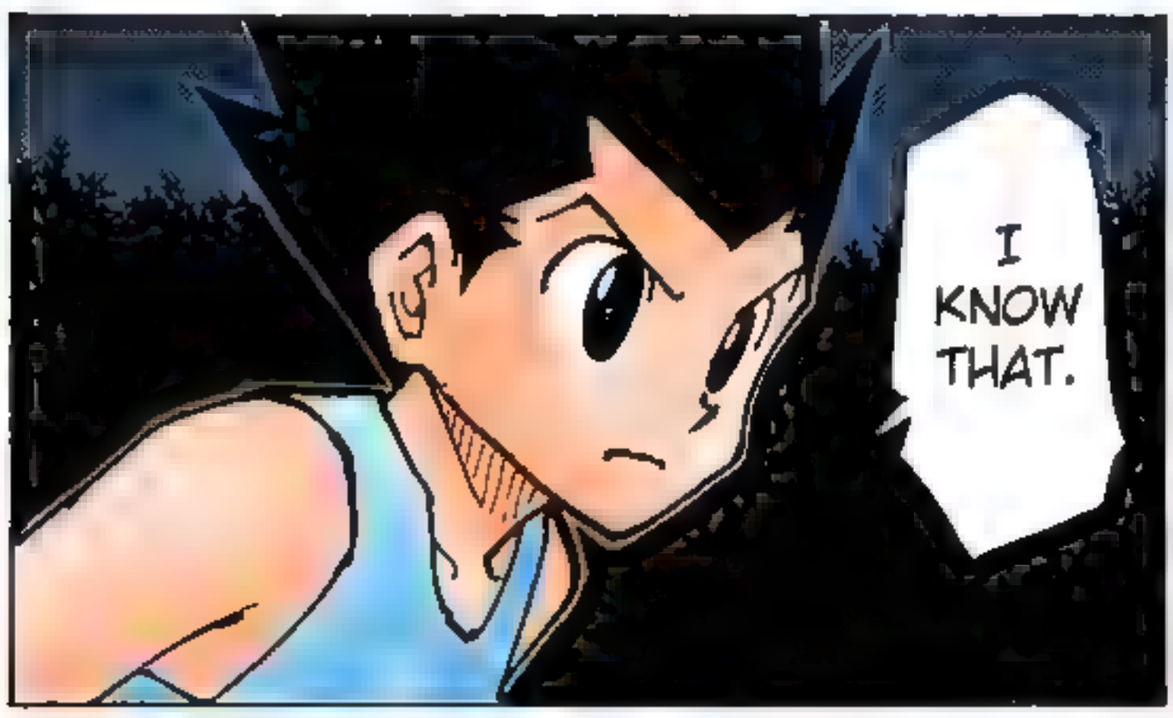


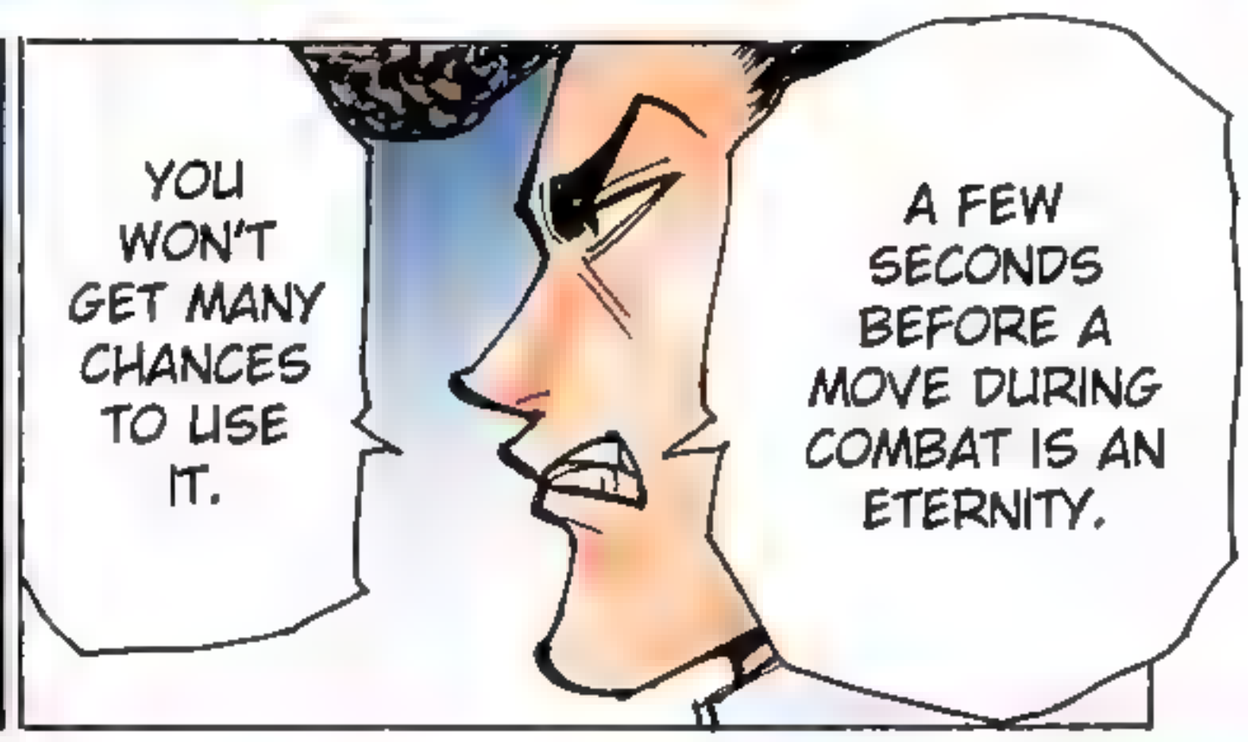


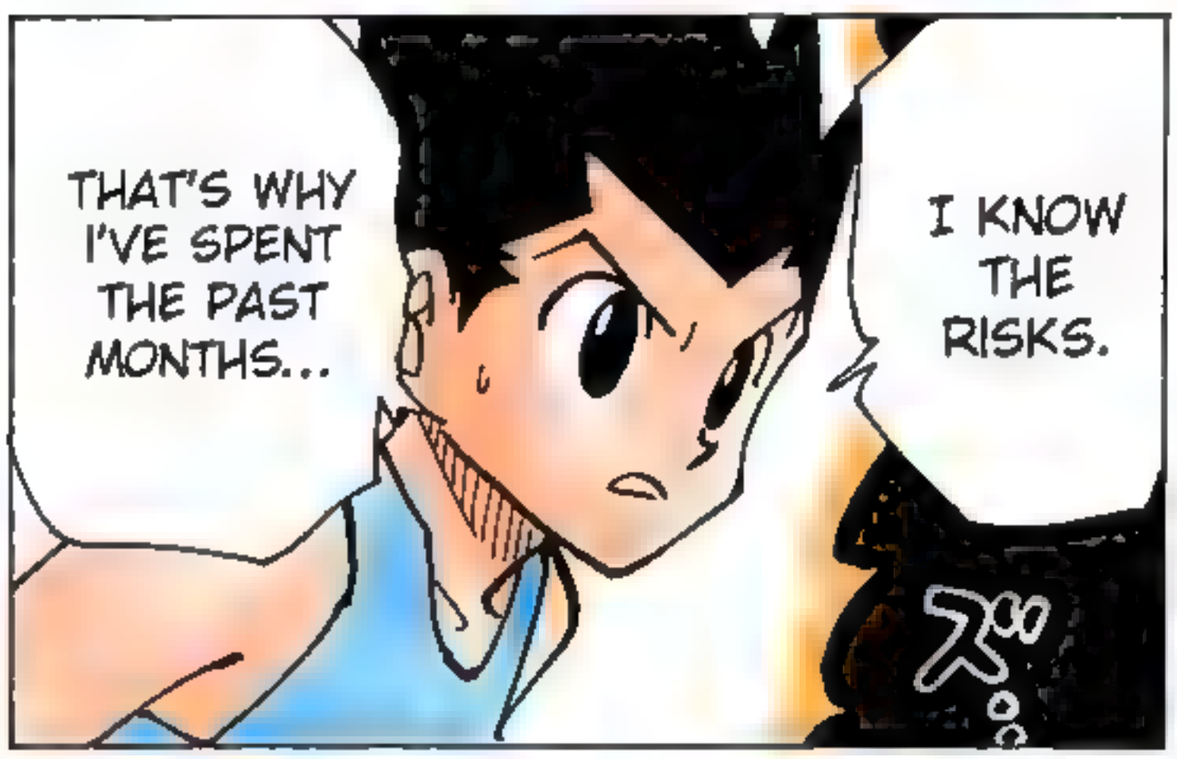


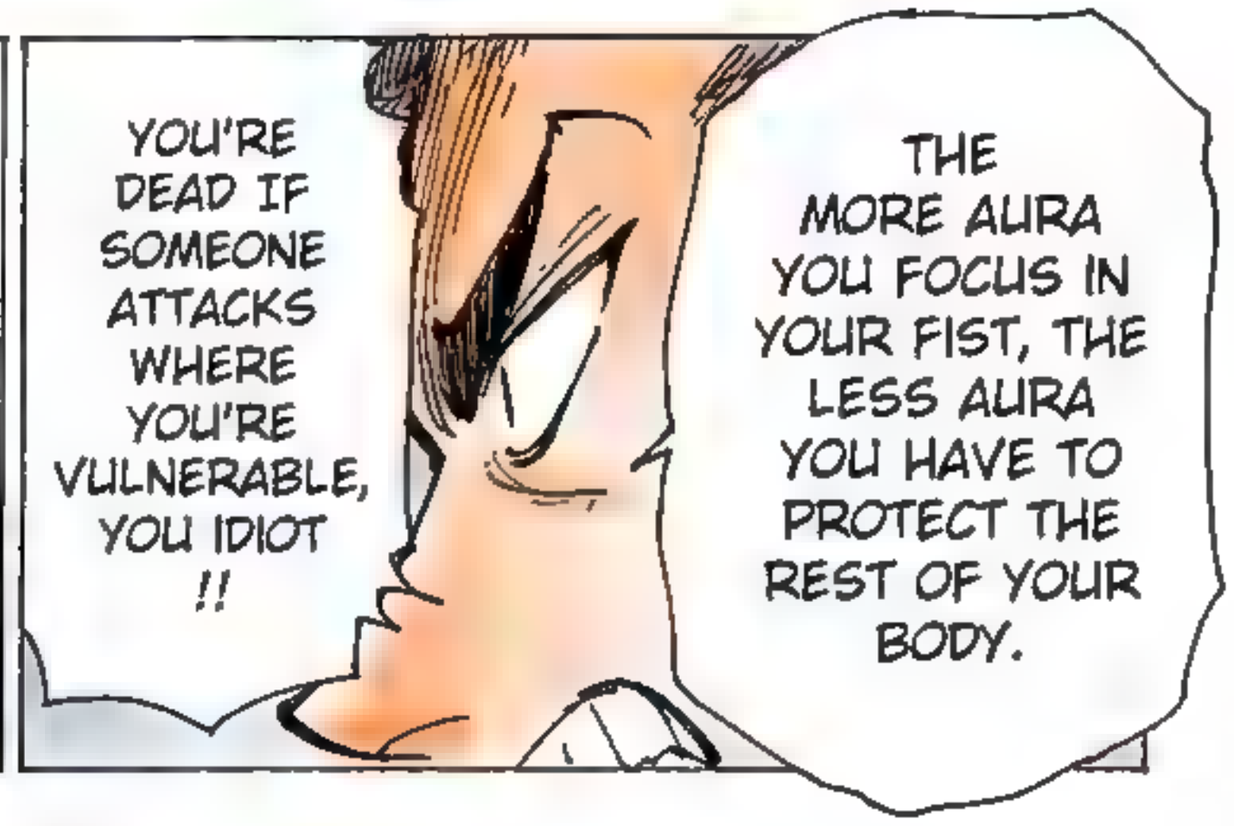
THE WINDUP IS TOO LONG!!

FIRST !!

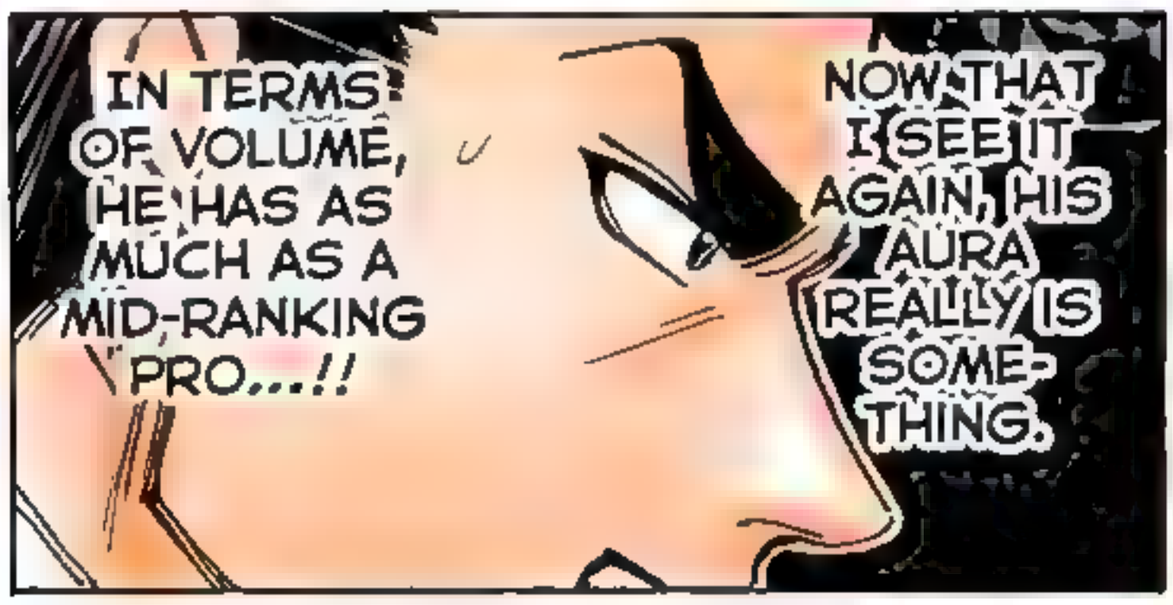


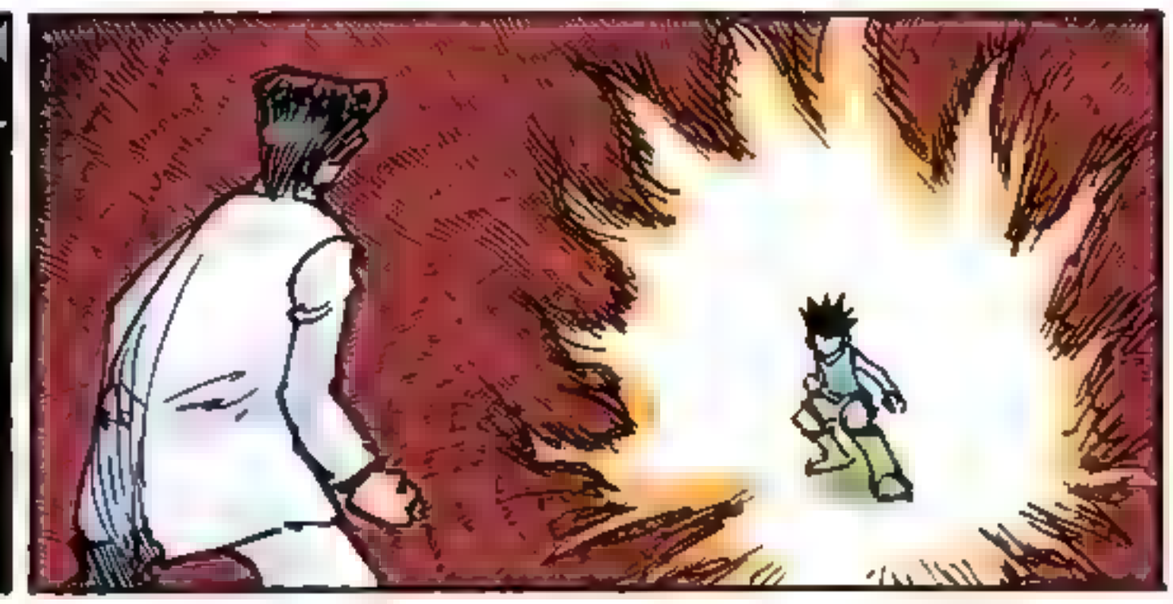


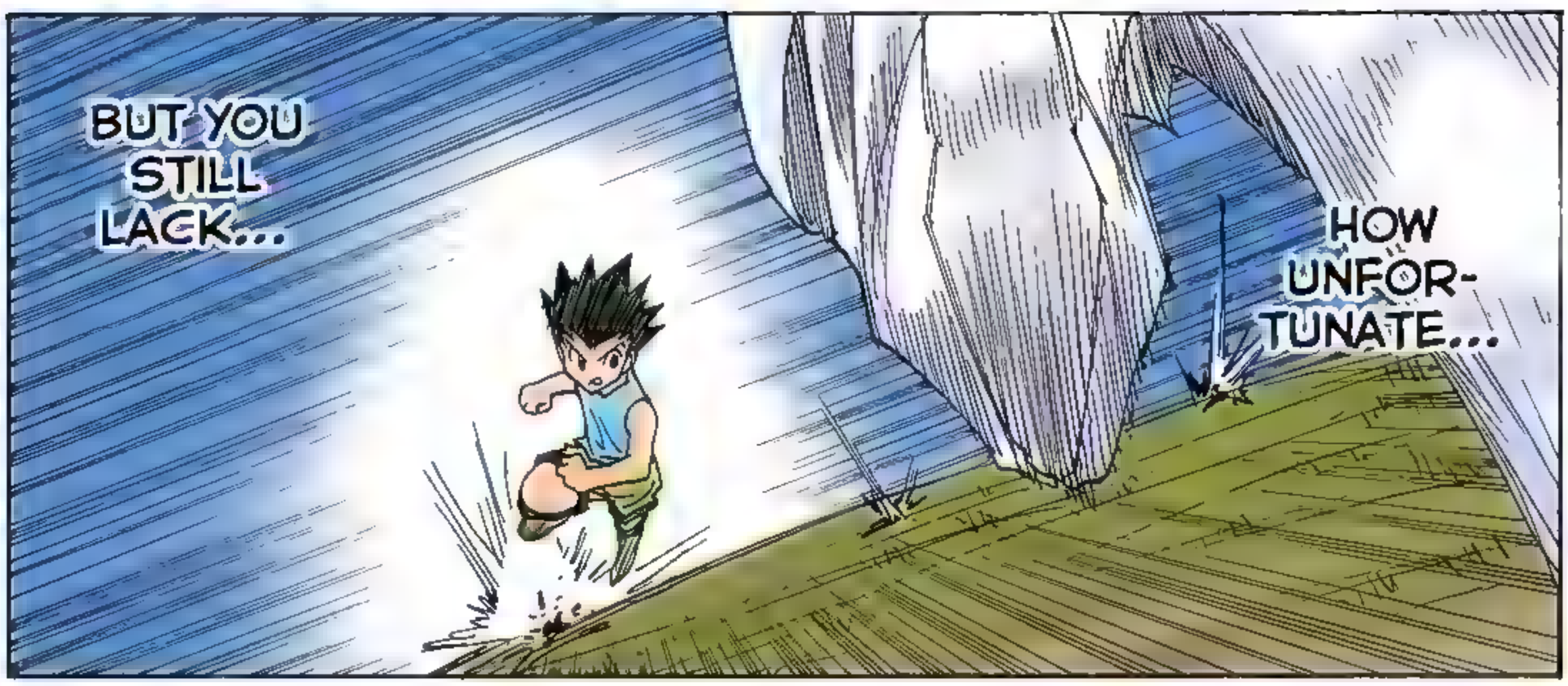




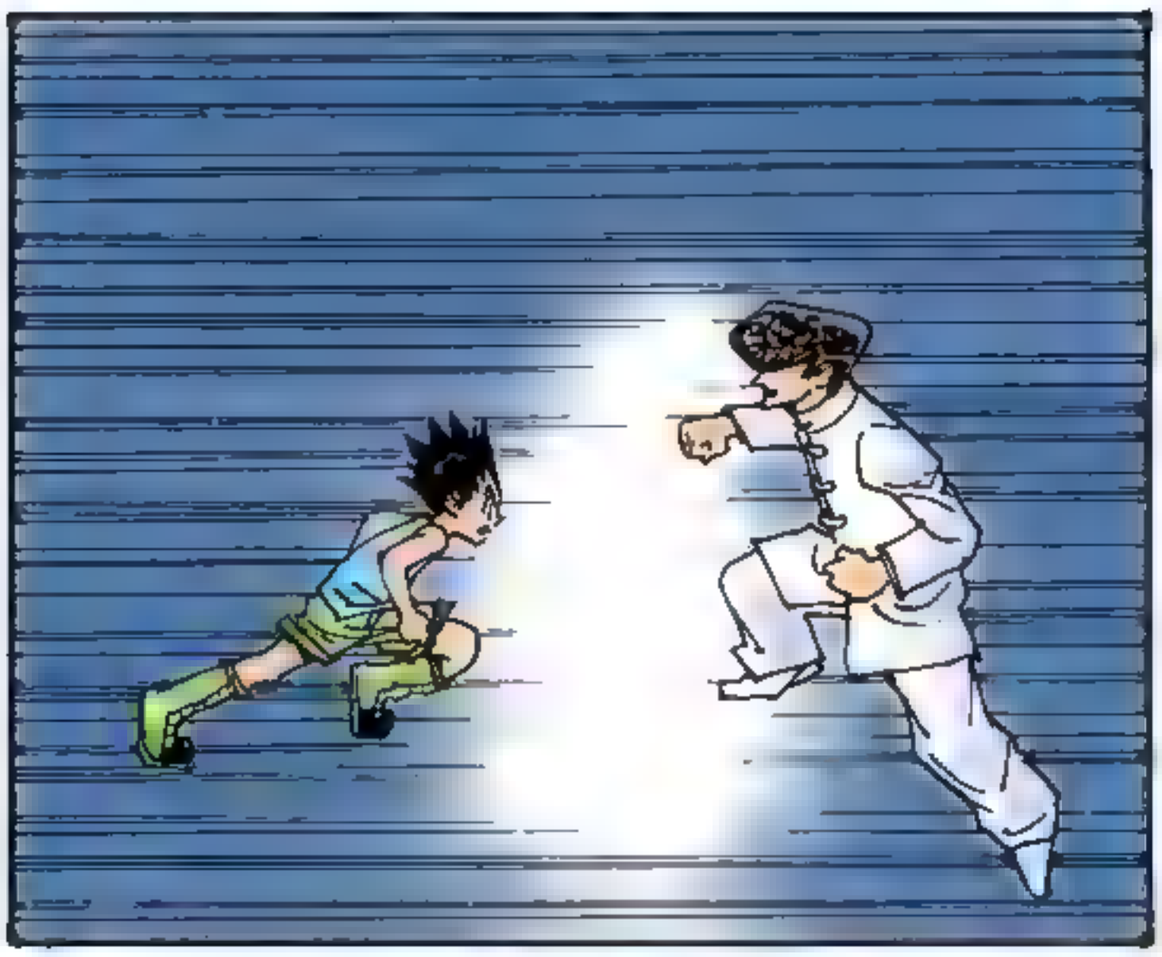
...TRAINING TO MAKE UP FOR IT!!!

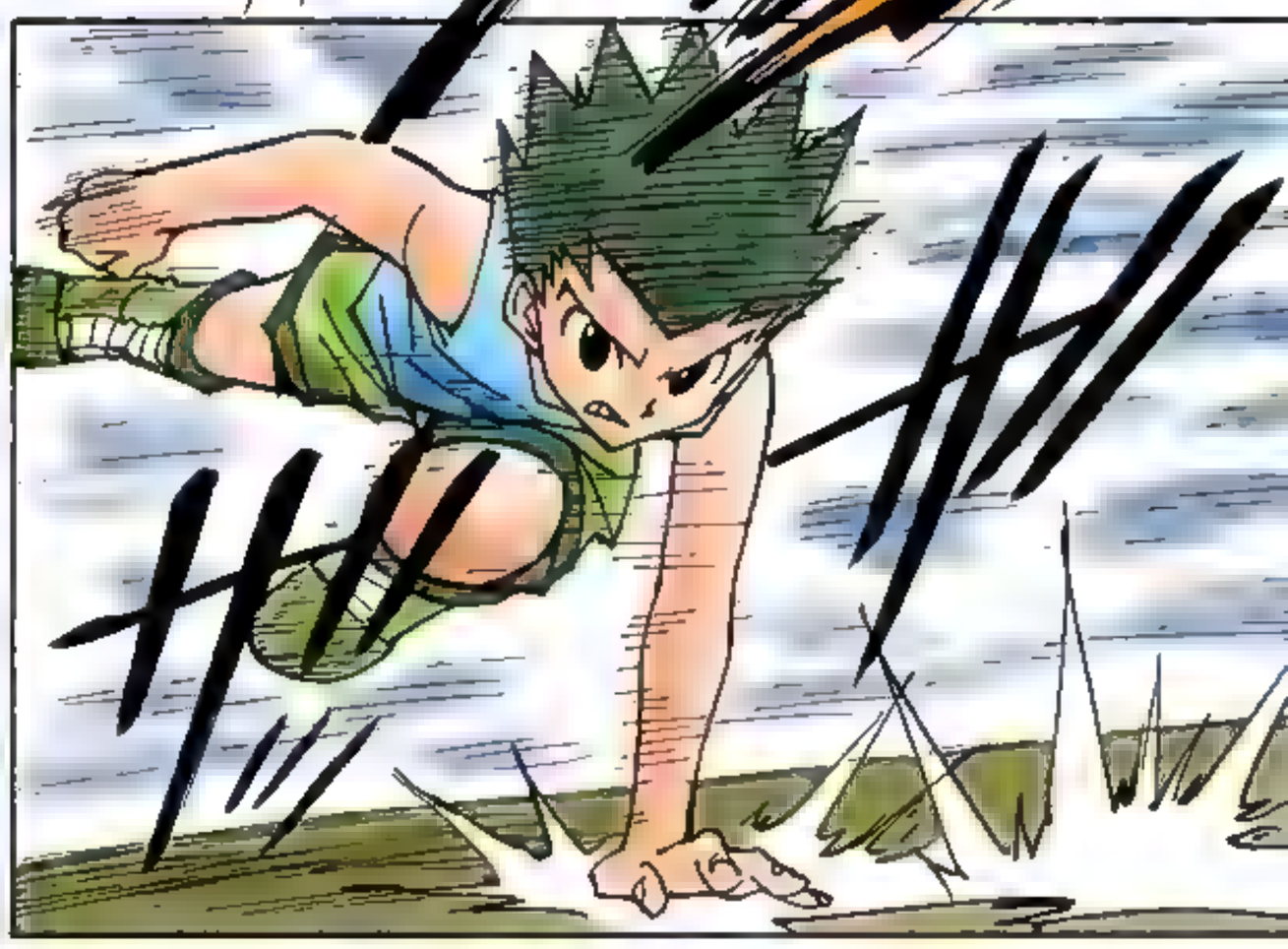


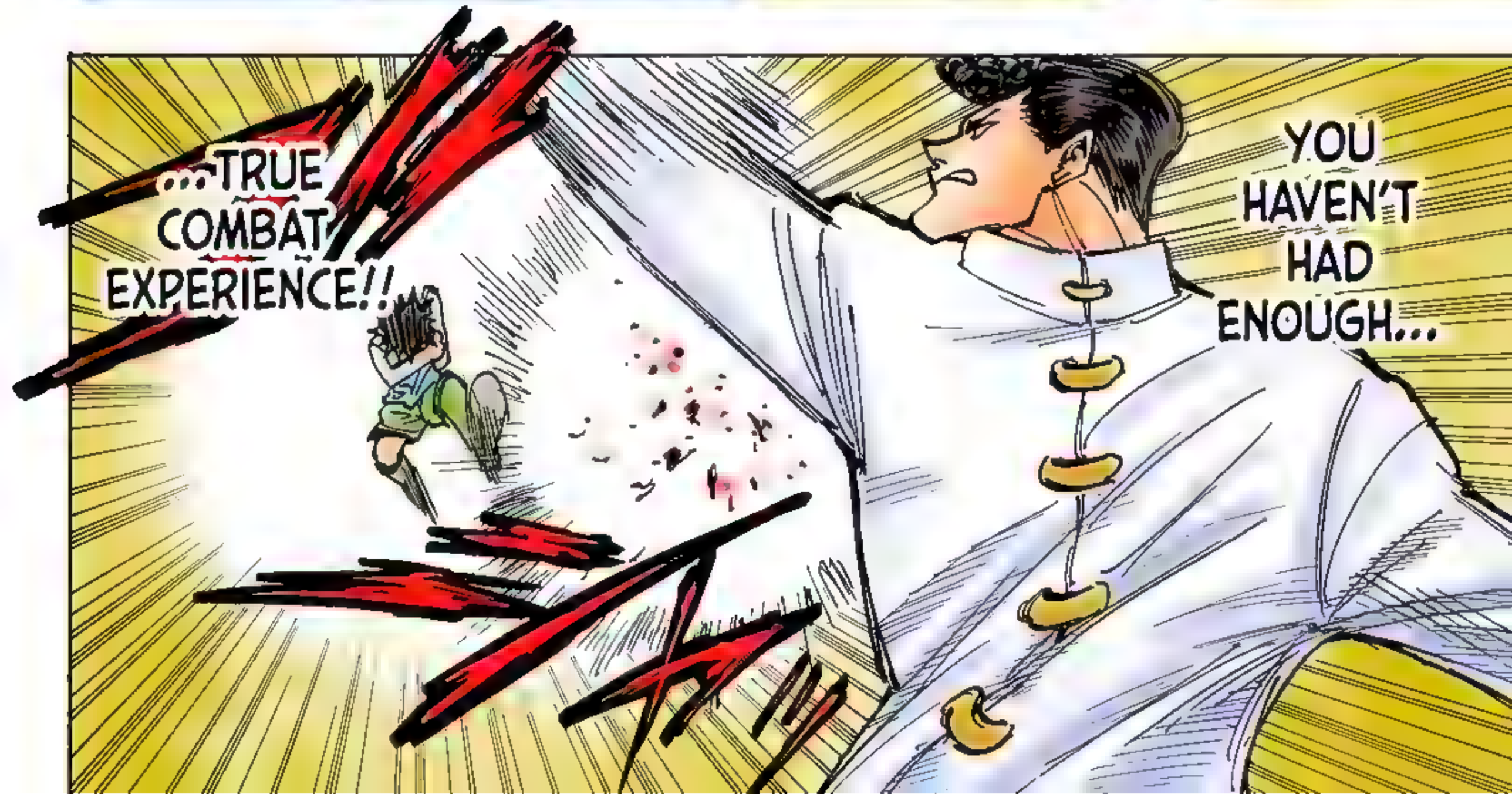


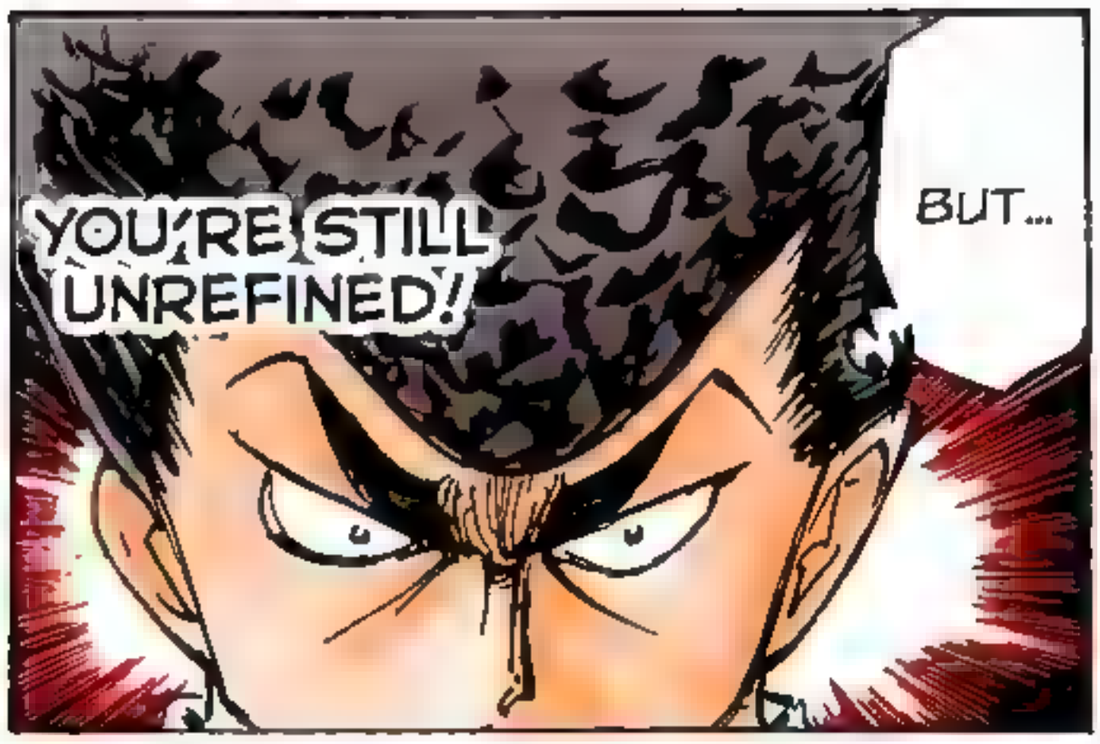


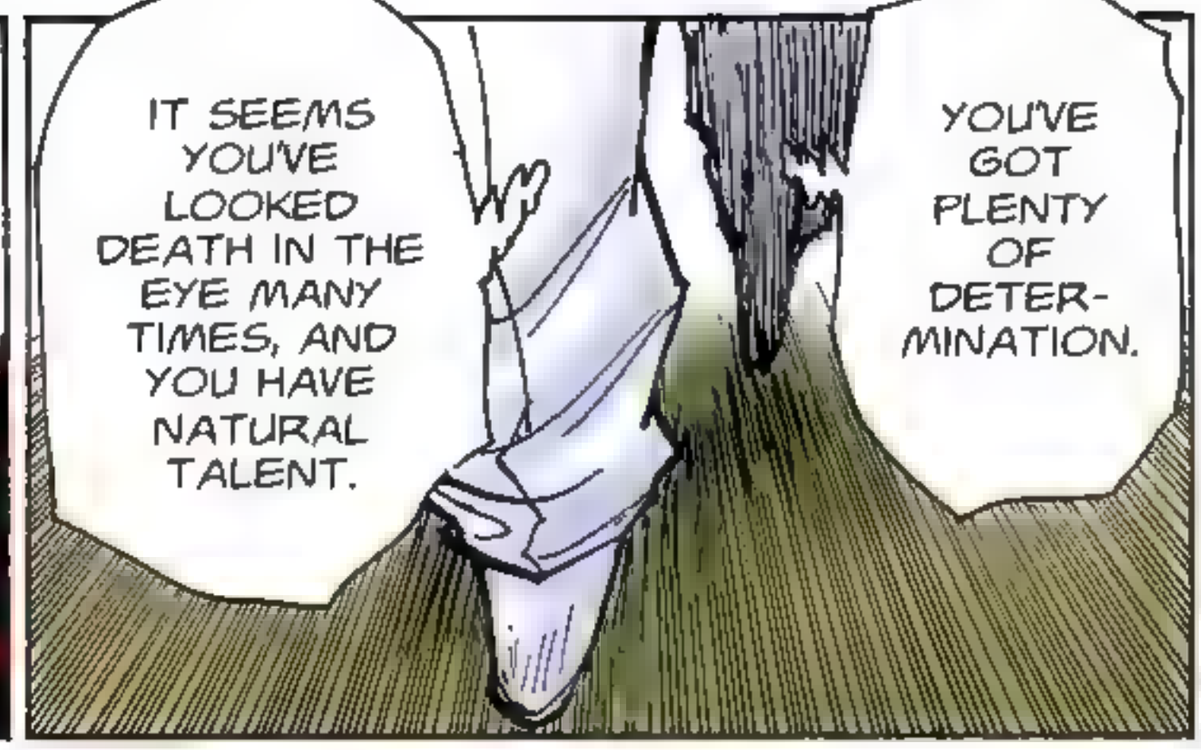
...EXPERIENCE!!

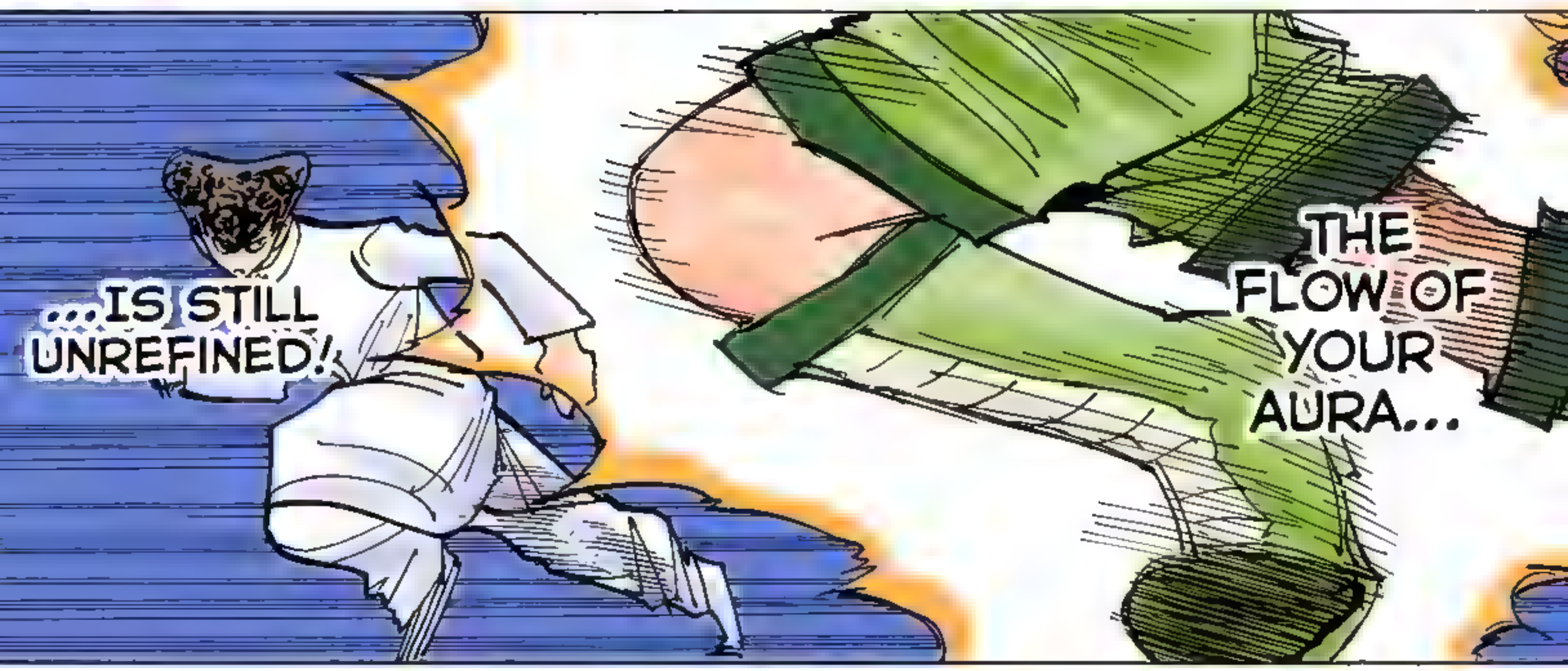




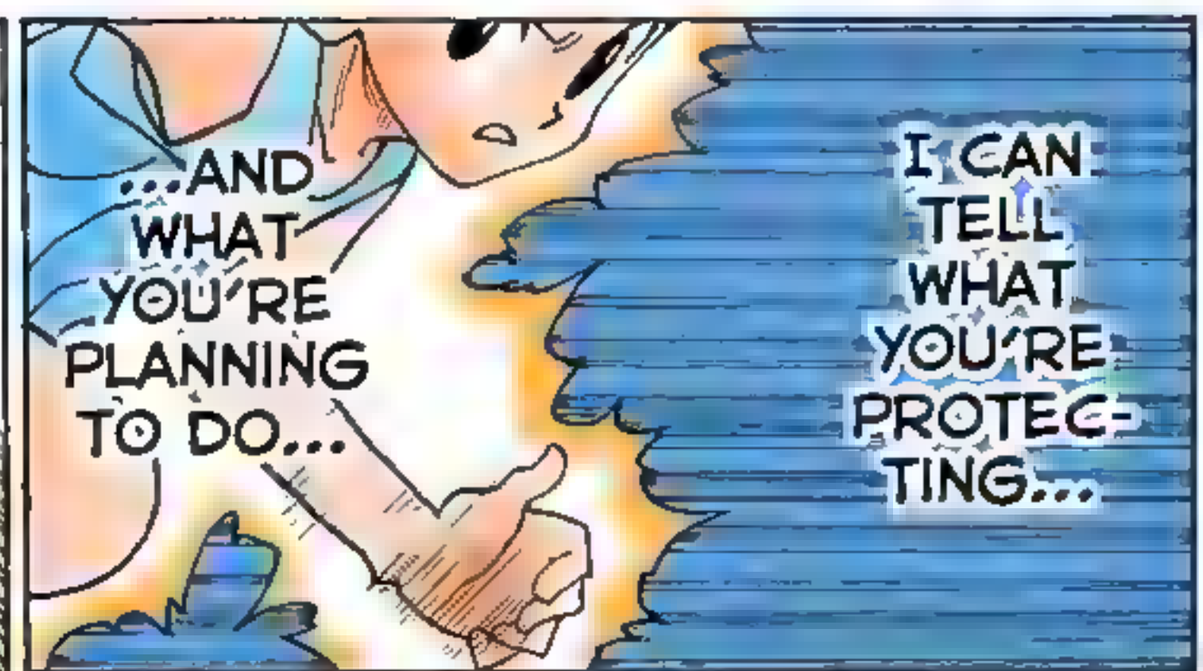


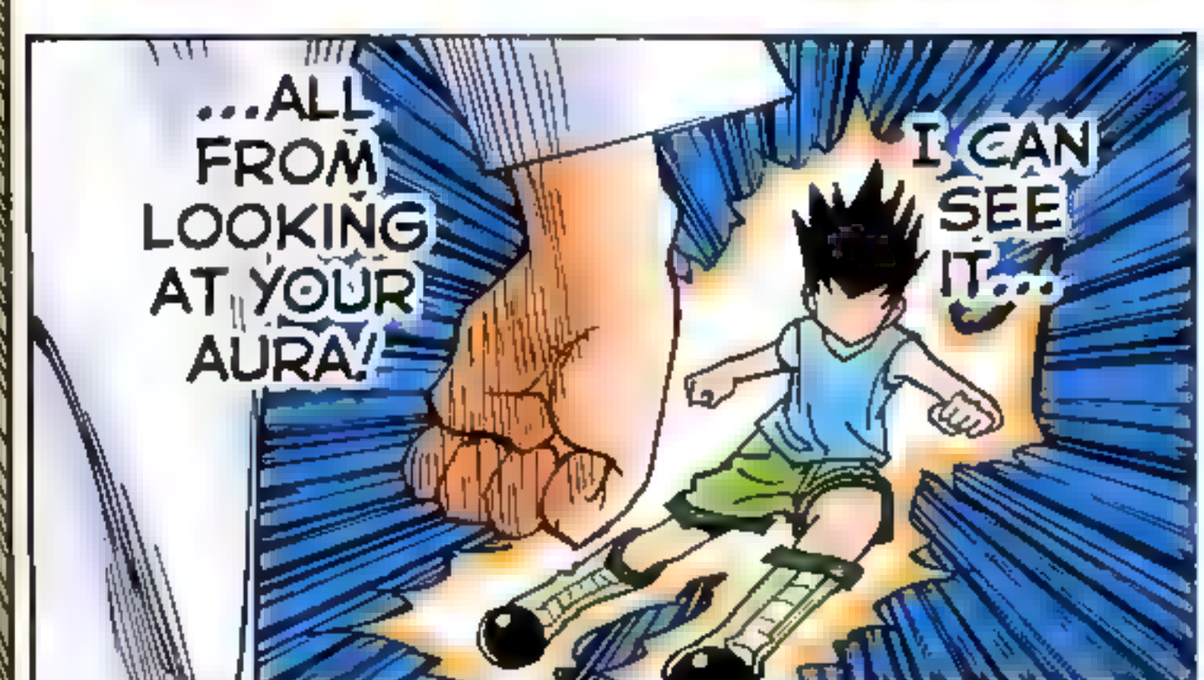

YOU'RE STILL UNREFINED!


BUT...
IT SEEMS YOU'VE LOOKED DEATH IN THE EYE MANY TIMES, AND YOU HAVE NATURAL TALENT.
YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF DETER-MINATION.

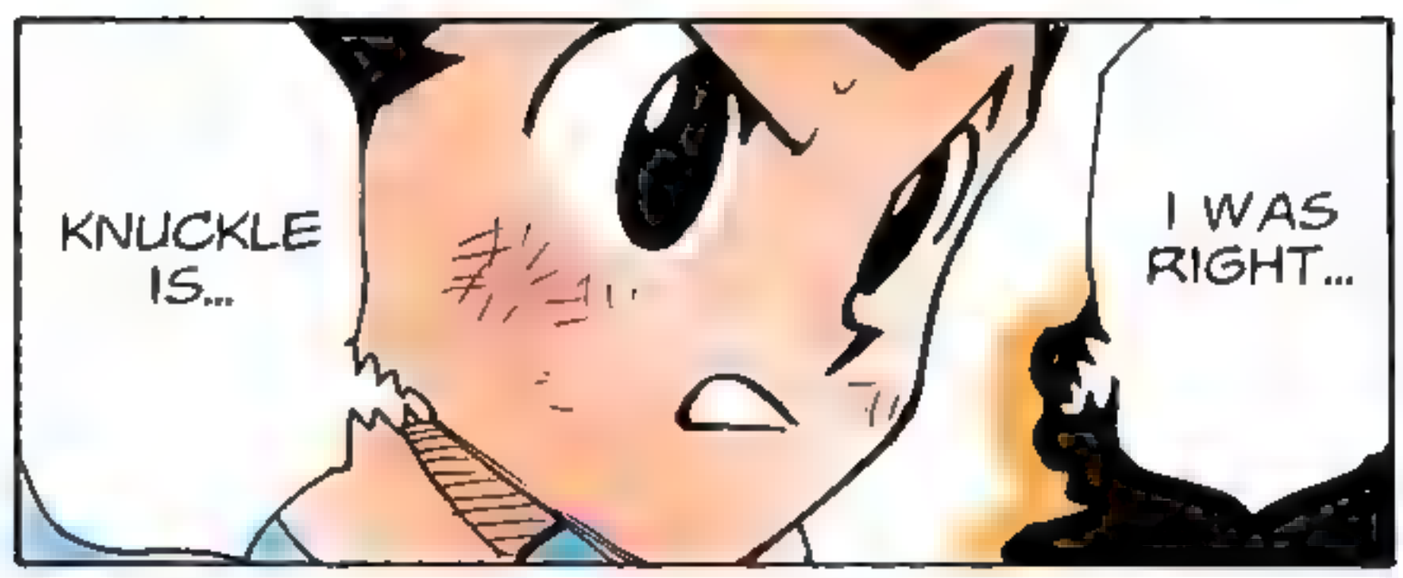

...IS STILL UNREFINED!
THE FLOW OF YOUR AURA...

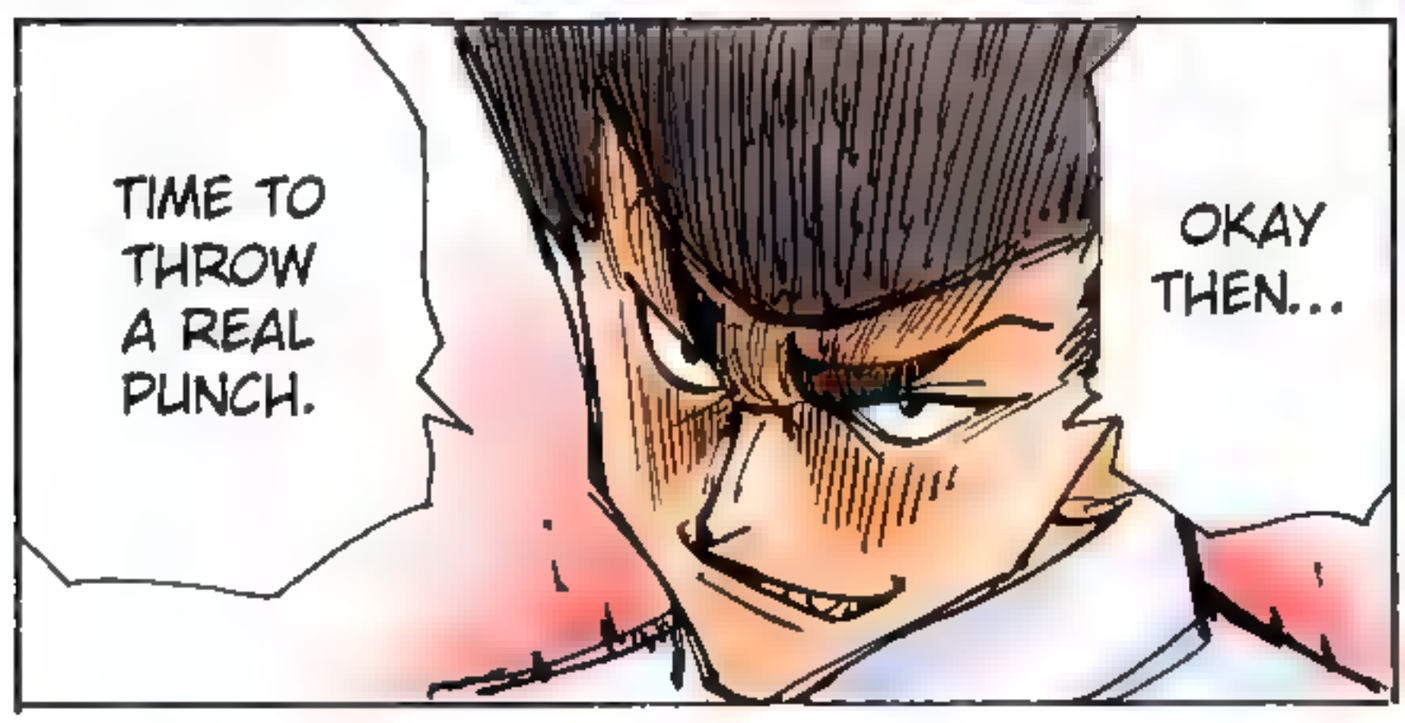
MIX IN SOME FEINTS, AND STAGGER MY BLOWS....
SO IF I USE THAT INFOR-MATION...


...AND WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING TO DO...
I CAN TELL WHAT YOU'RE PROTEC-TING...


...ALL FROM LOOKING AT YOUR AURA!
I CAN SEE IT...

AND THESE ARE THE RESULTS...!!

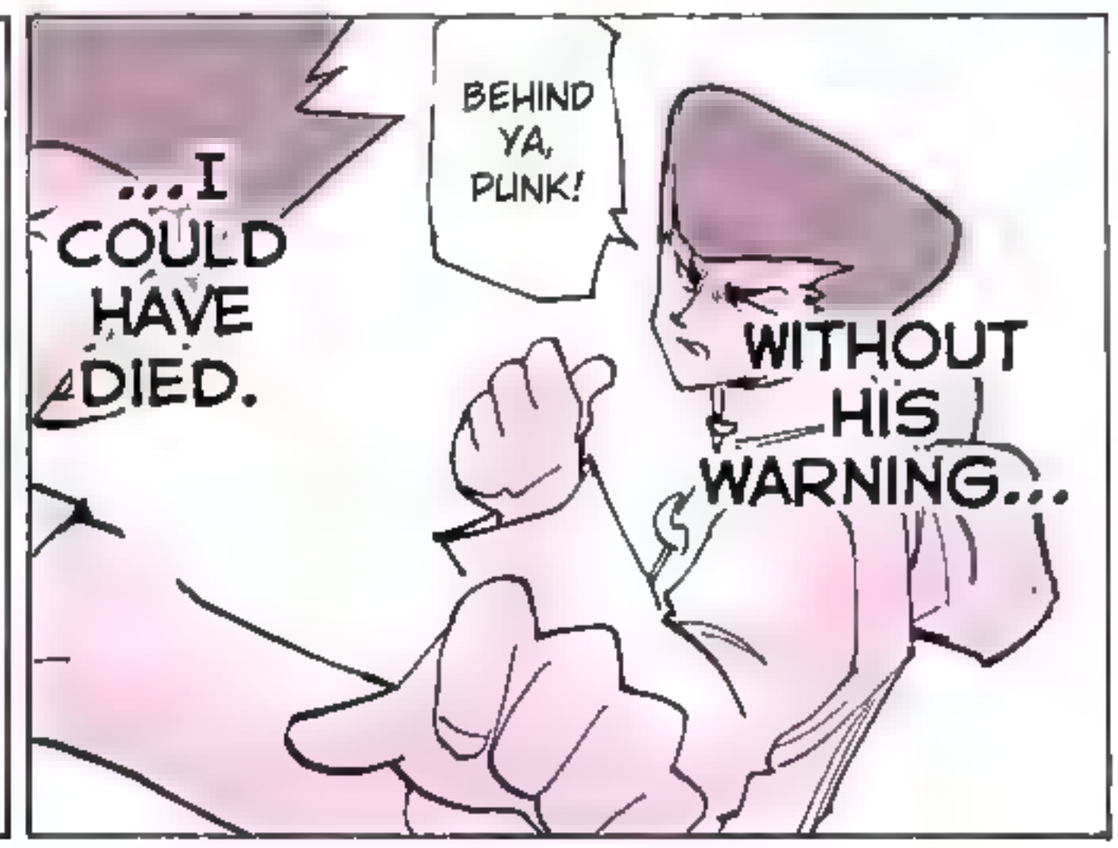




DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU DIE.

HE'S SO KIND...!!

HE'S SO...



...ON HOW TO BECOME STRONGER...
HE'S GUIDING ME...
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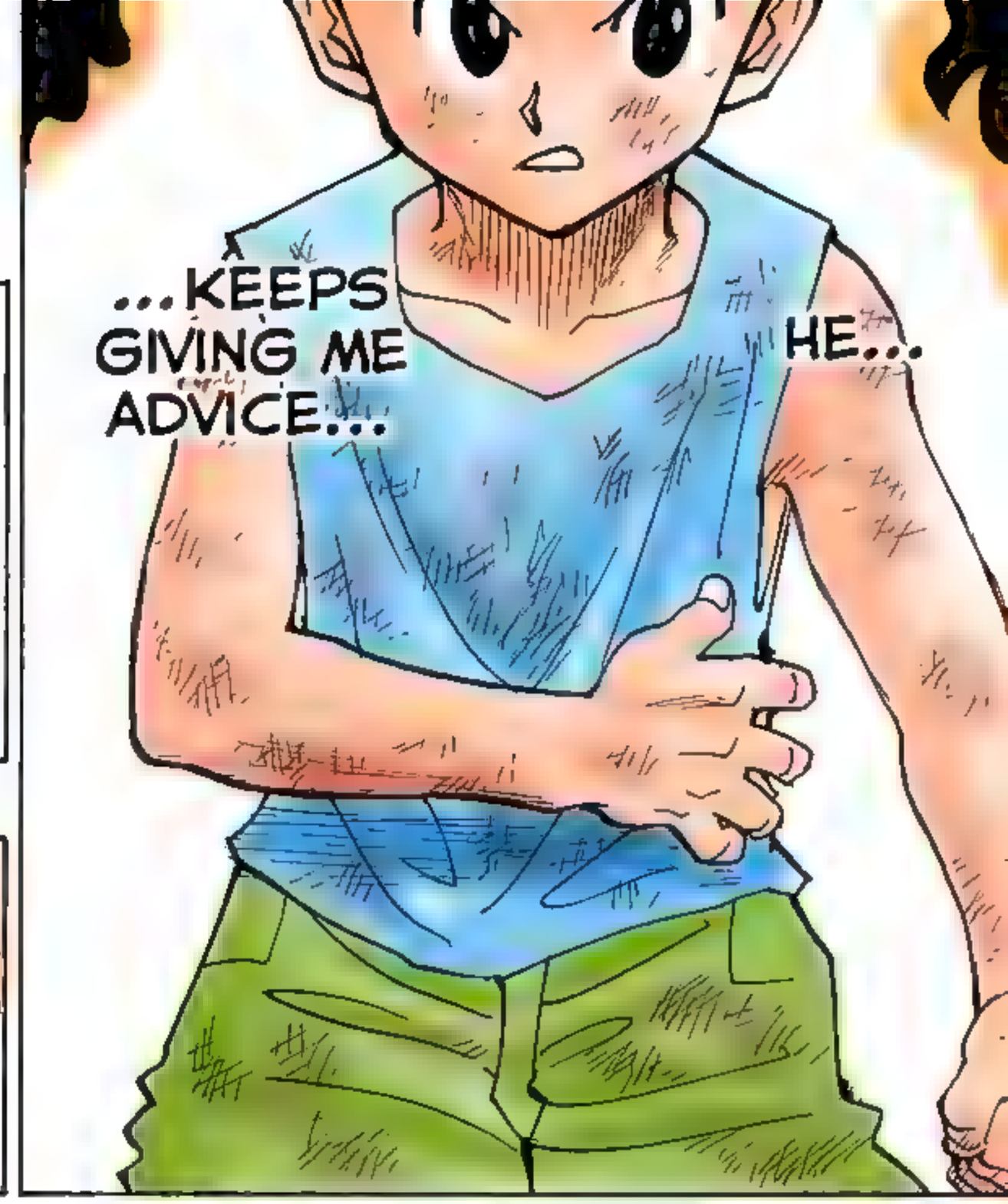
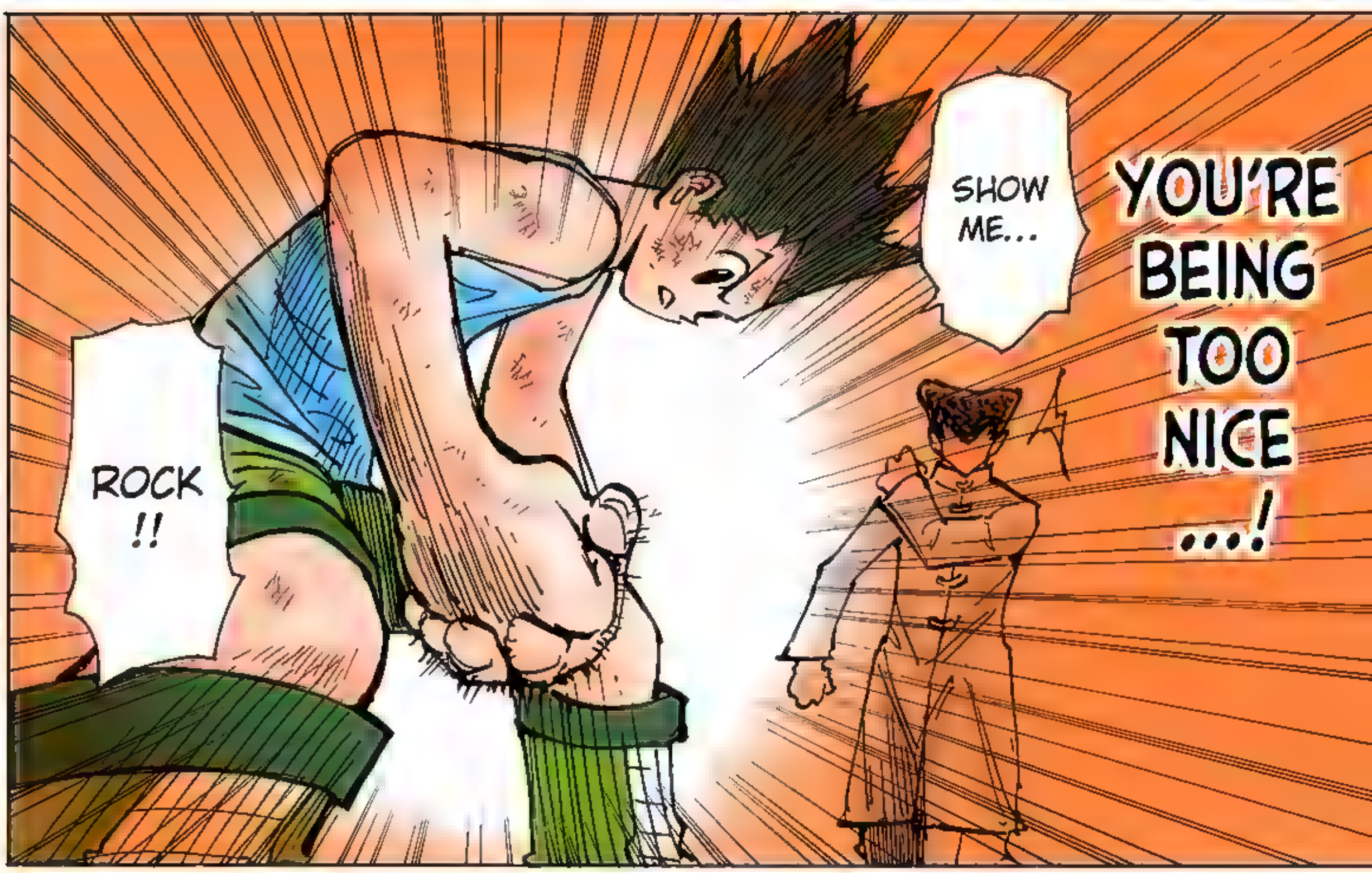
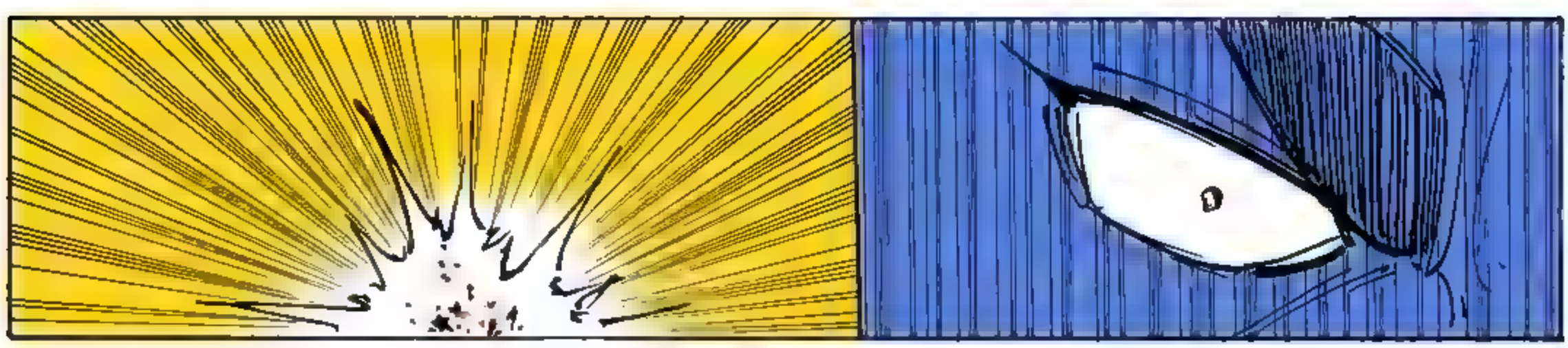

...KEEPS GIVING ME ADVICE...
HE...


ROCK !!
SHOW ME...
YOU'RE BEING TOO NICE ...!



AGH ...
UGH!
YOU MESSIN' WITH ME?!!
I TOLD YOU THAT I'D PREVENT YOU FROM USING THAT.
ALL YOU'VE GOT ...?
WAS THAT ...

WHO'S MESSING WITH WHOM?!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTING FOR REAL, RIGHT?

KNUCKLE !!

FIGHT LIKE YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME!!

ROCK !!
SHOW ME...
UNHooo

No.208 ◆
WEAKNESS: PART ②
JAN !!
HERE I GO!!
UNH!
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OVER HERE!

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GAH!

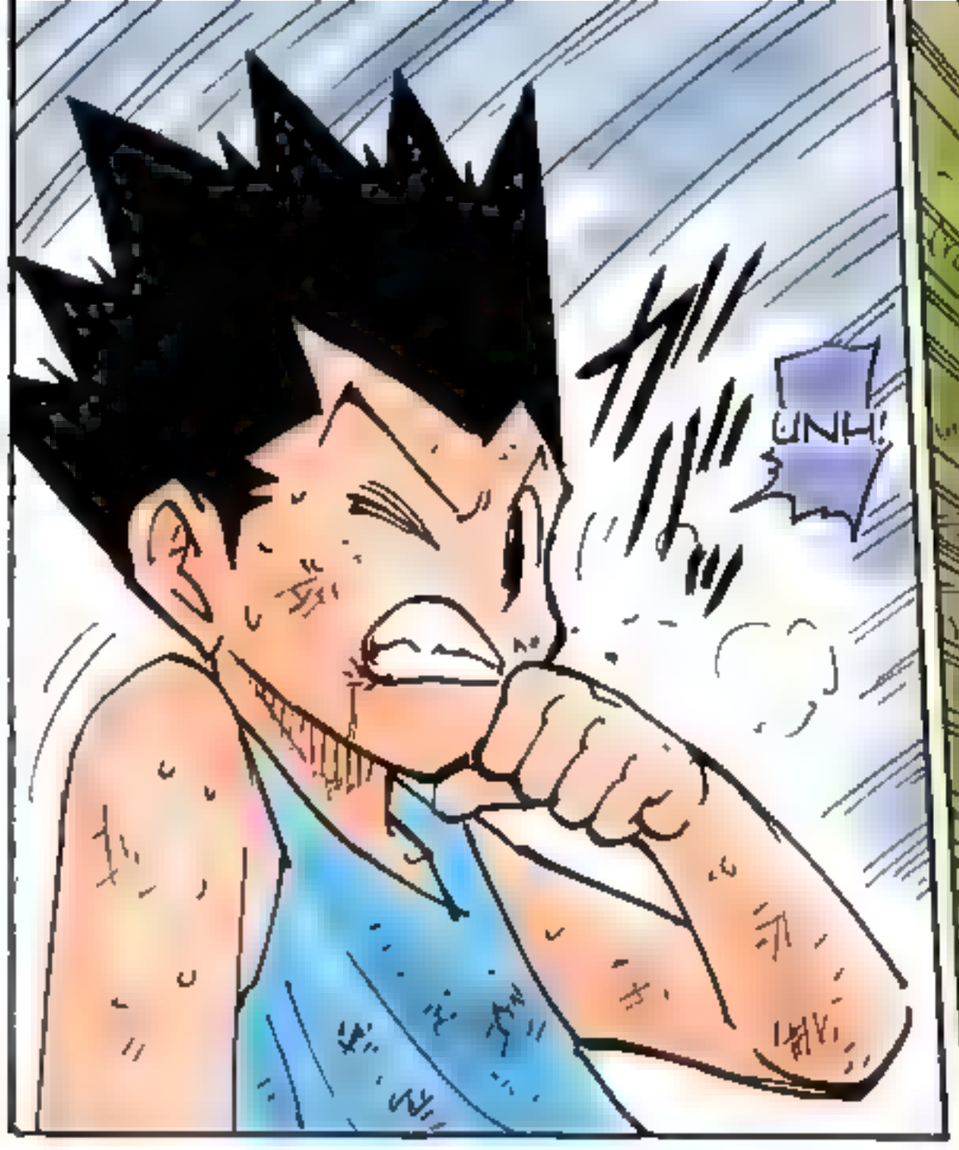
AH!

ROCK !!

SHOW ME...

KEN-!!

JAN !!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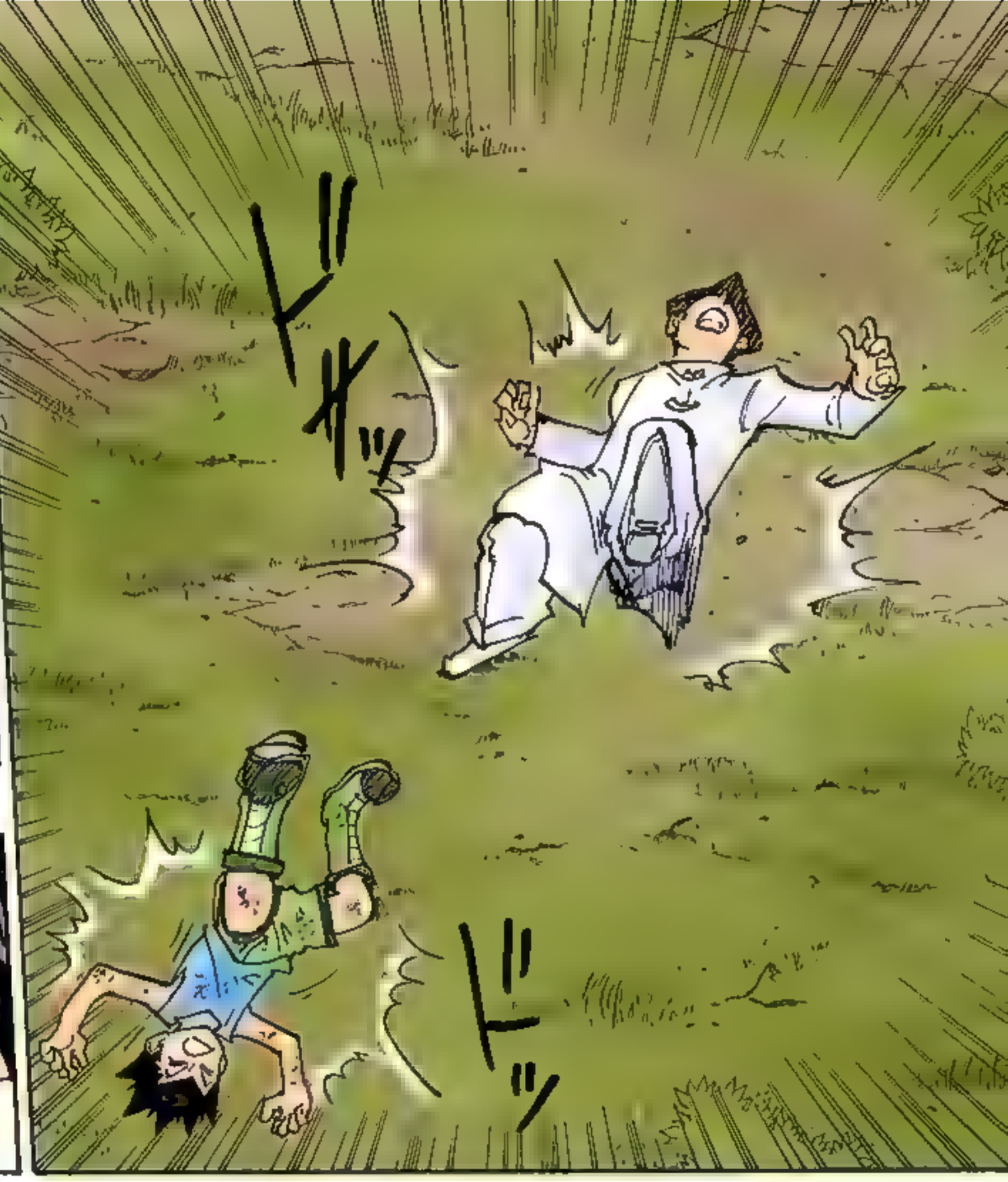
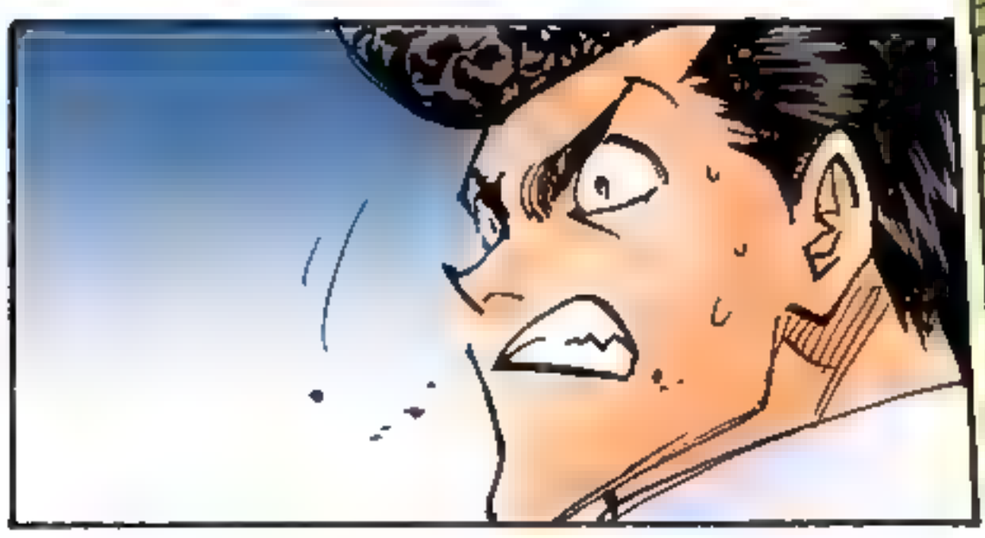
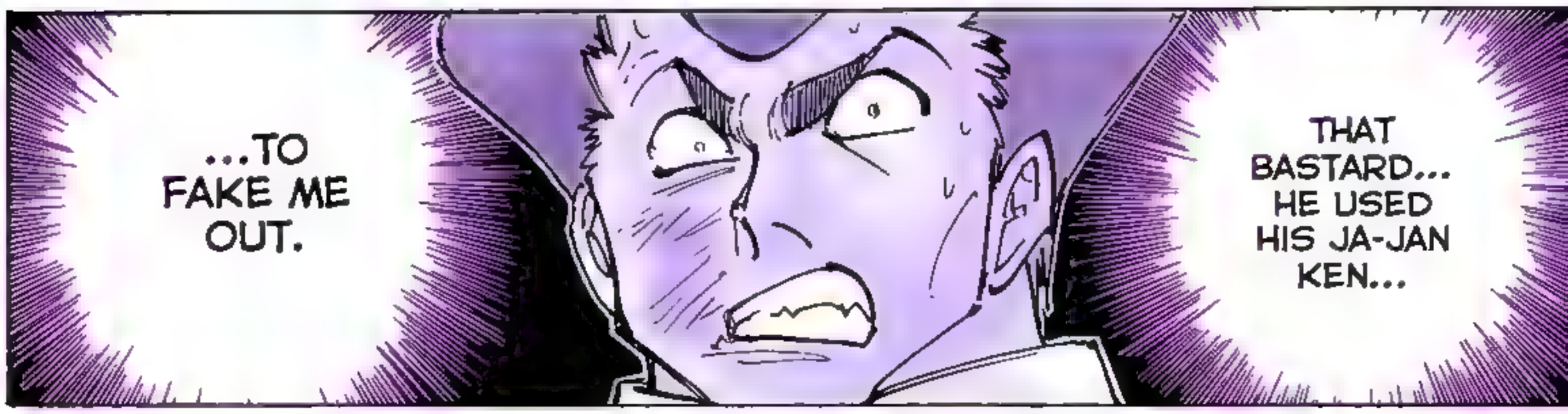
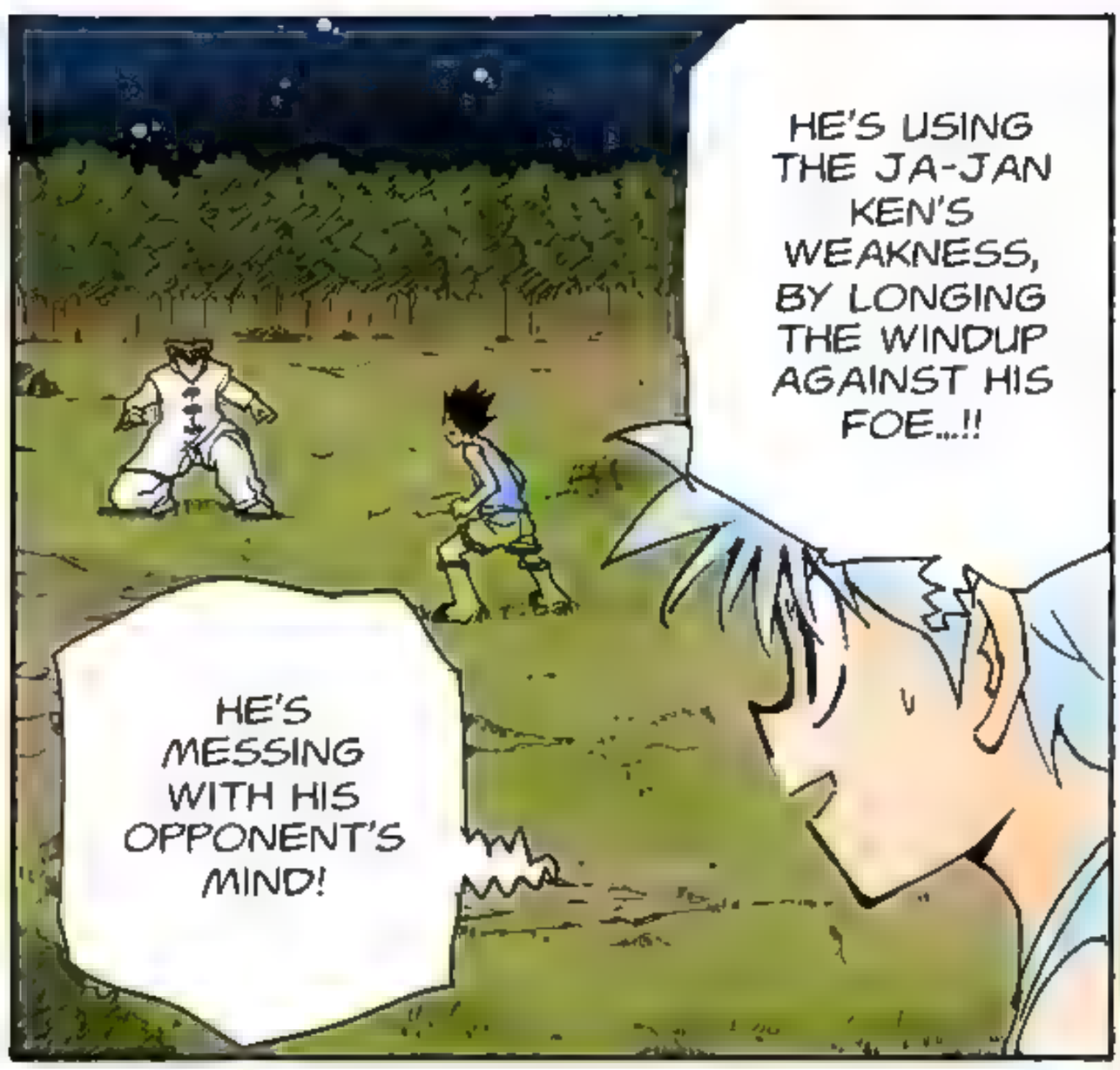




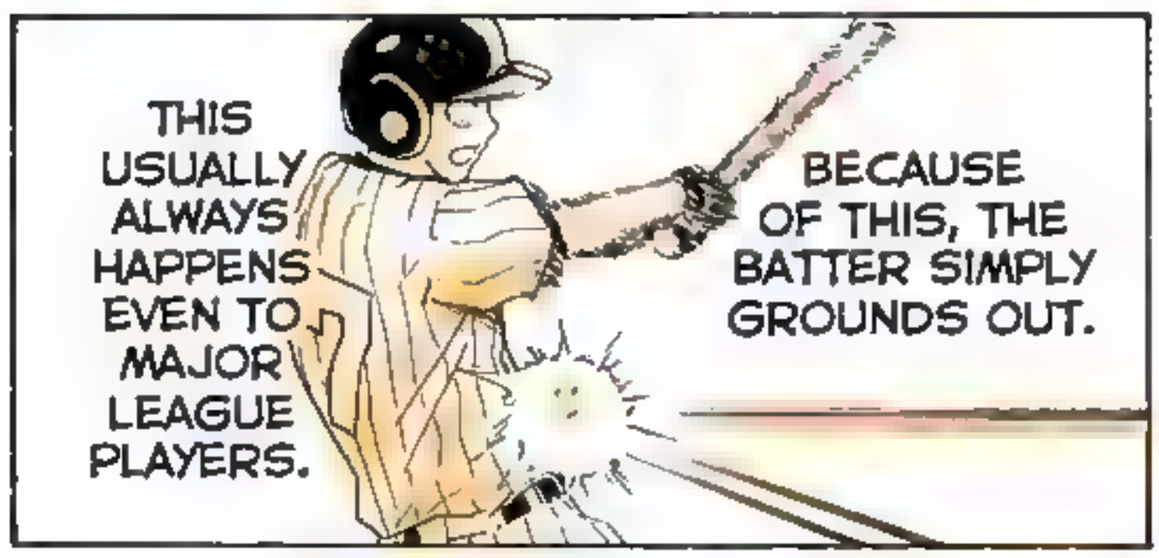

...TO FAKE ME OUT.
THAT BASTARD... HE USED HIS JA-JAN KEN...

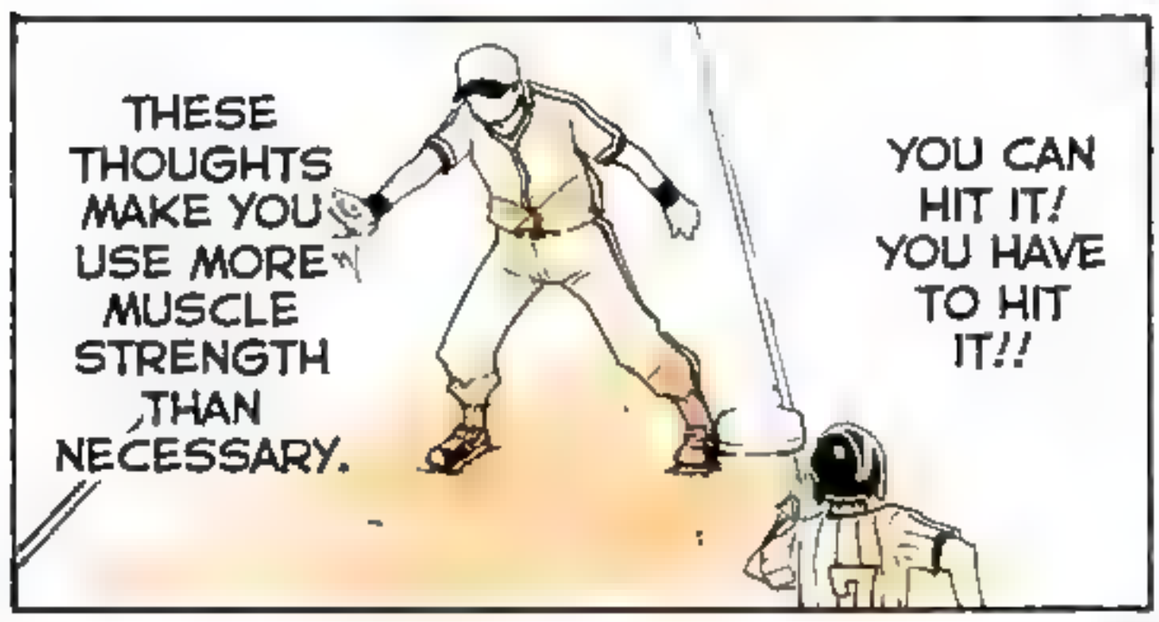

HE'S USING THE JA-JAN KEN'S WEAKNESS, BY LONGING THE WINDUP AGAINST HIS FOE...!!
HE'S MESSING WITH HIS OPPONENT'S MIND!

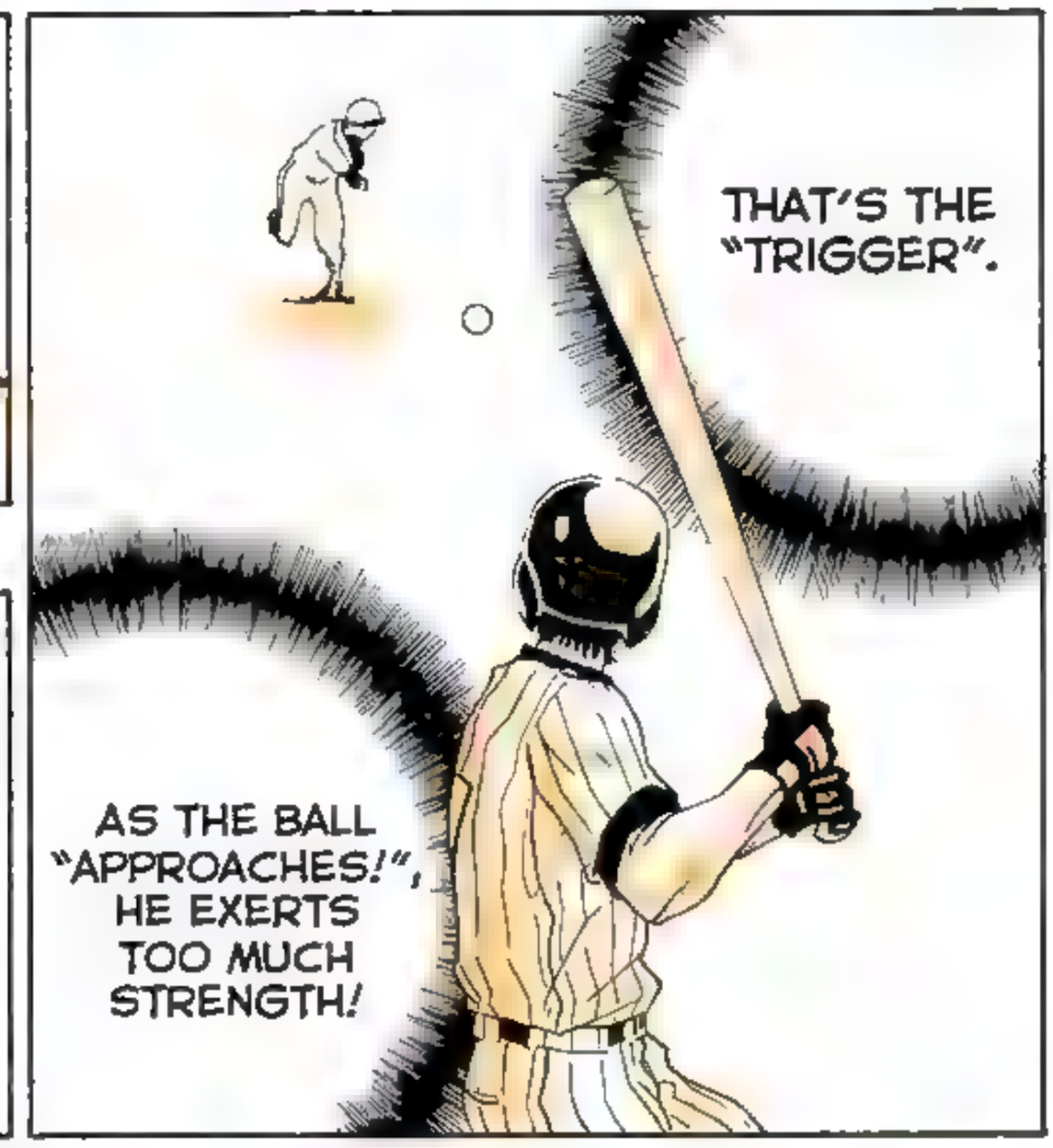
EVEN I COULD TELL EXACTLY WHEN YOU WERE GONNA STRIKE WITH YOUR RIGHT.
IT'S WAS CLEAR THAT YOU WERE FOCUSED ON STOPPING MY "SPECIAL TECHNIQUE".

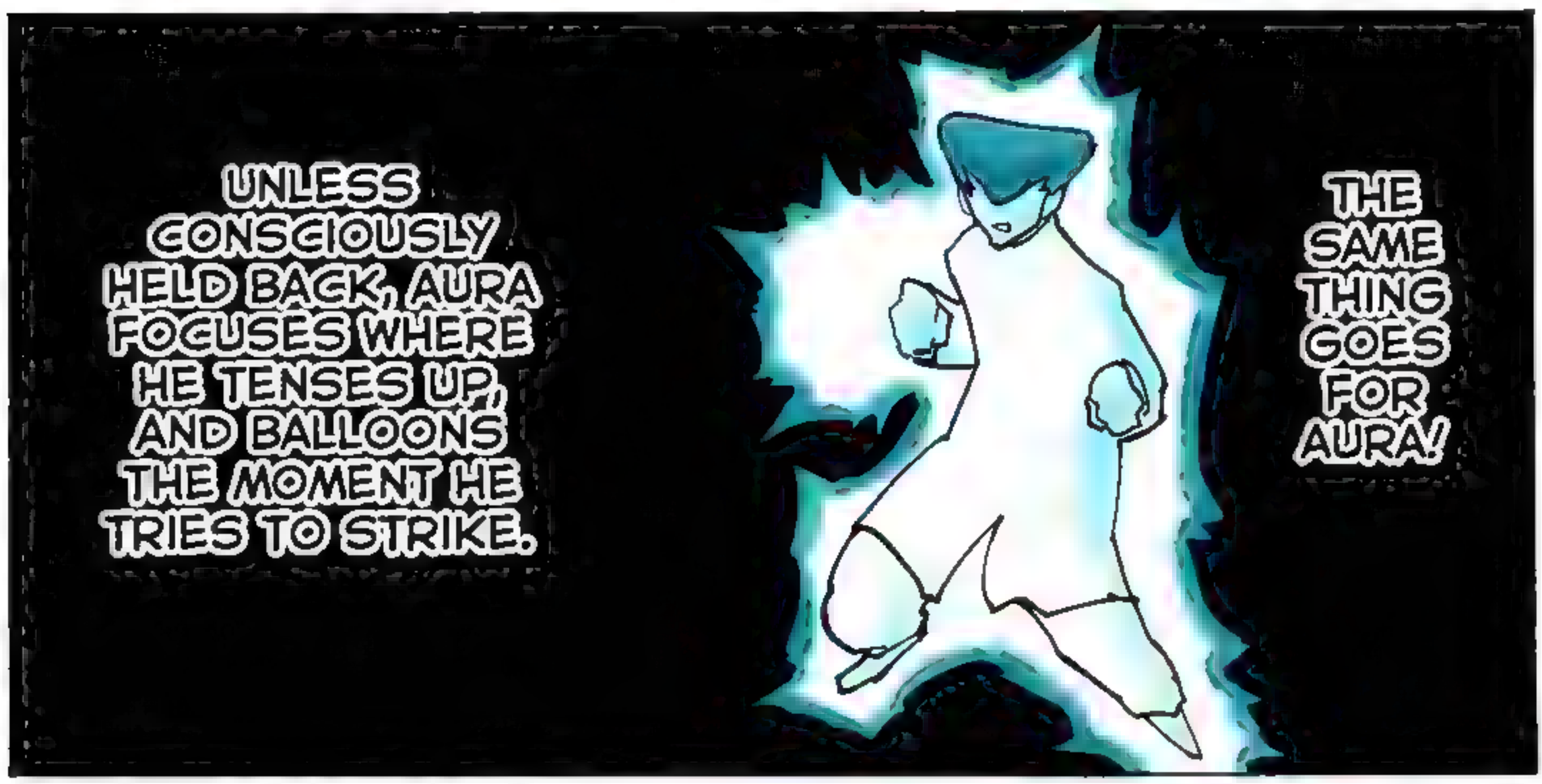
HE HAS TO SWING FOR IT!! IT'S A PERFECT PITCH, RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE THAT HE HAS TO HIT!!

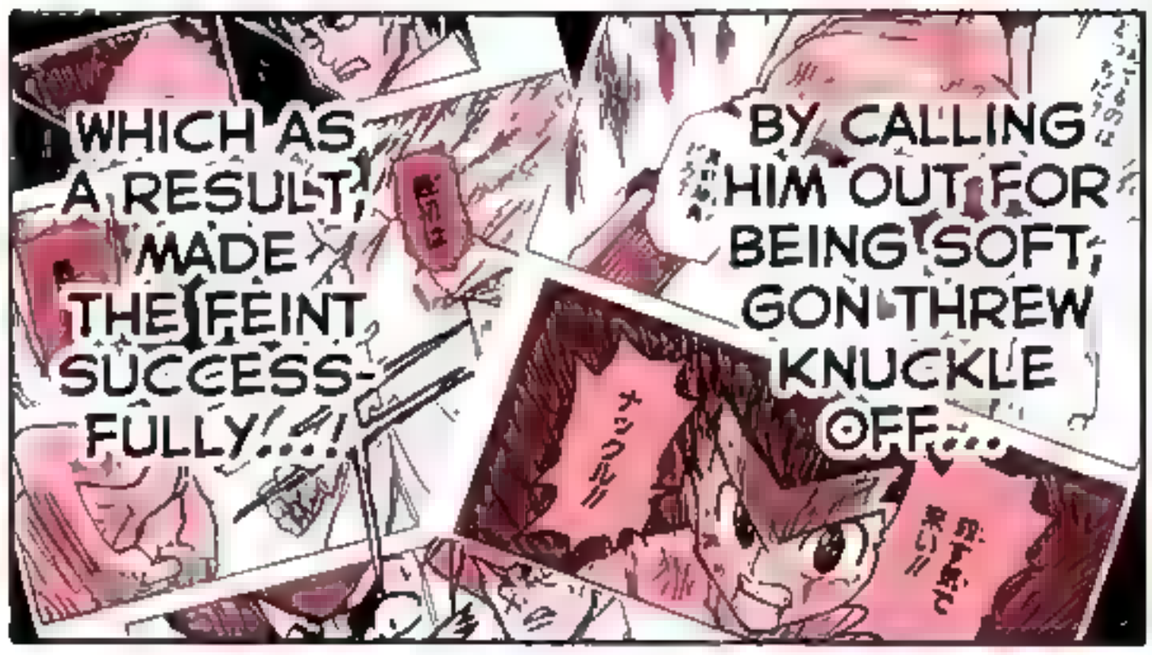
KNUCKLE SEES GON'S JA-JAN KEN AS AN EASY PITCH...

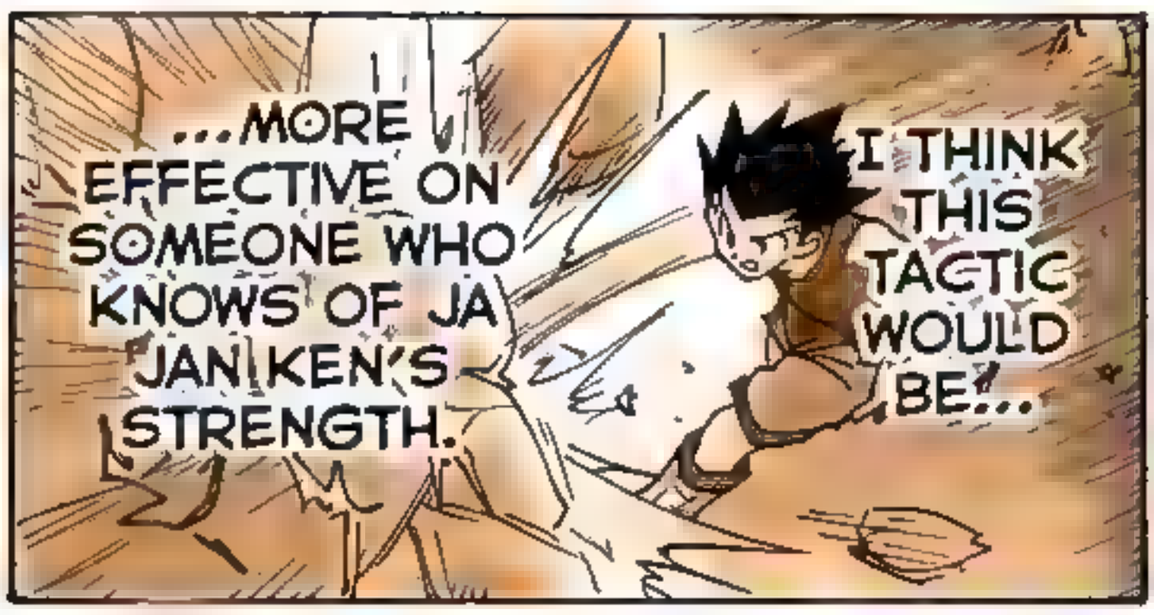




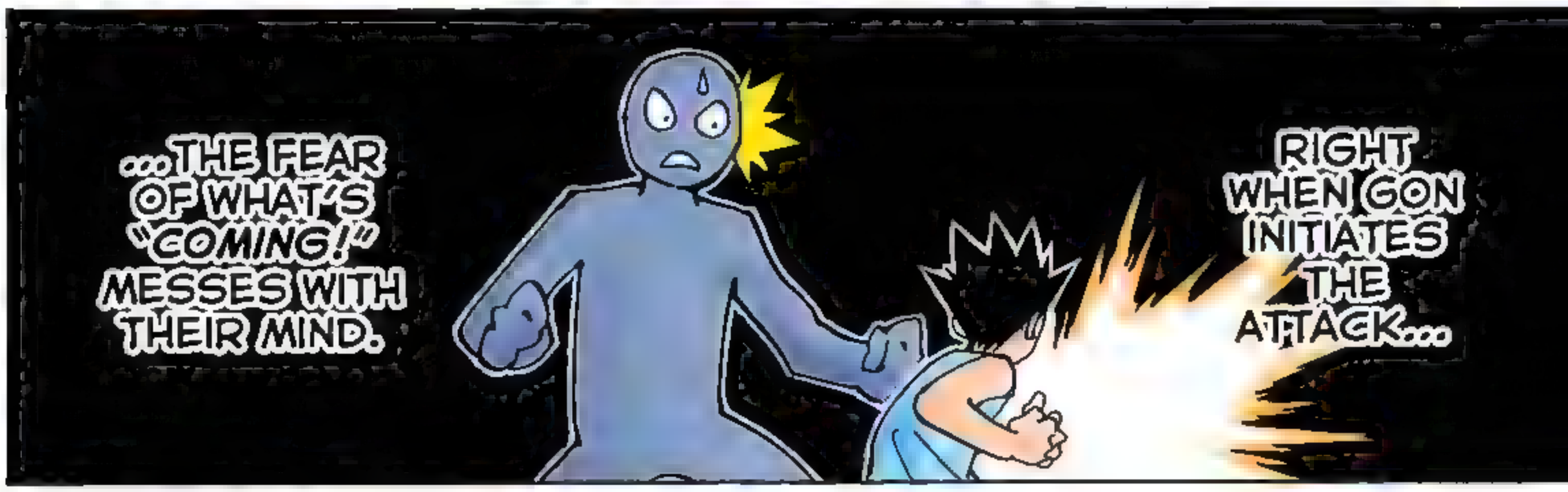


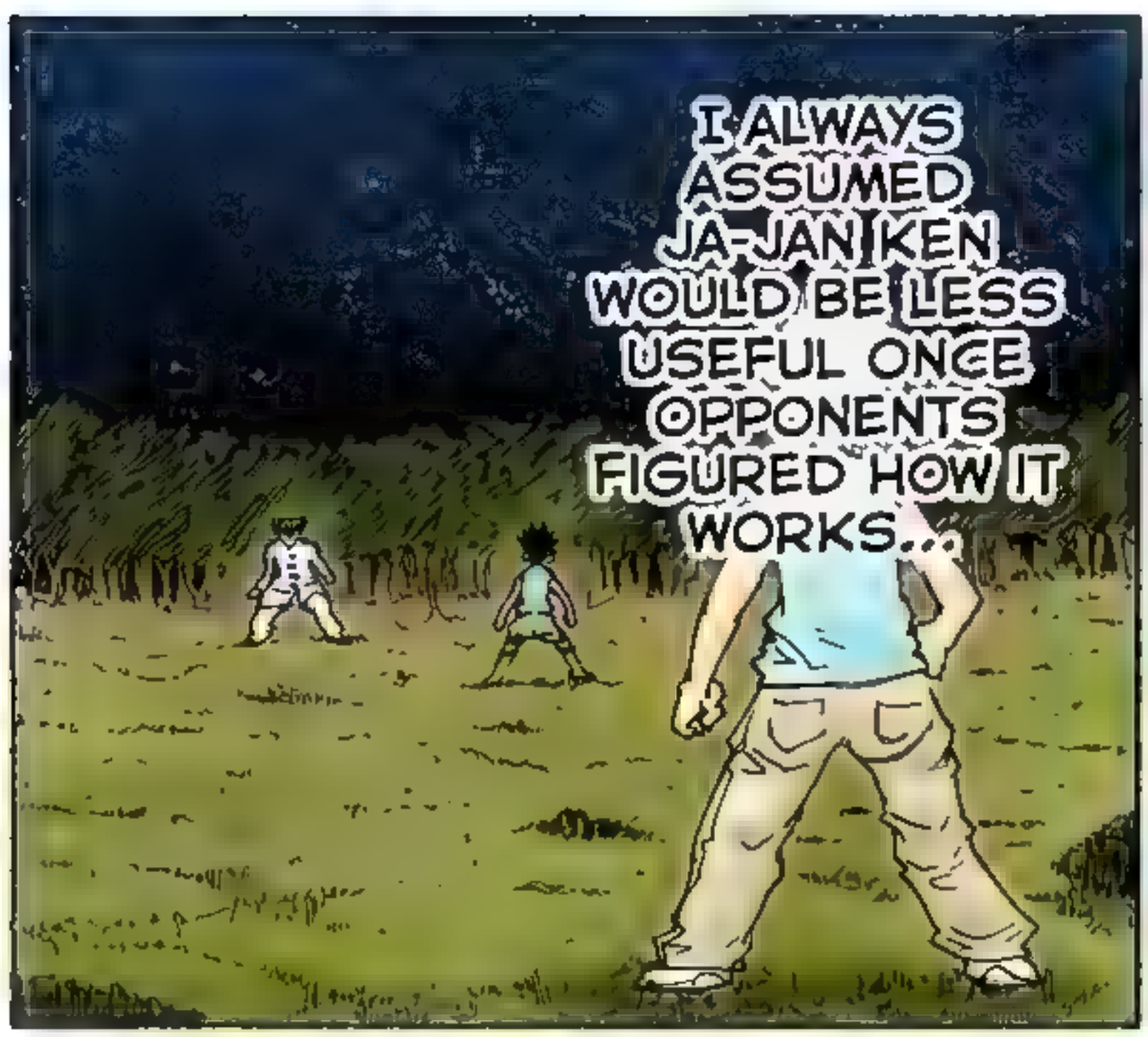


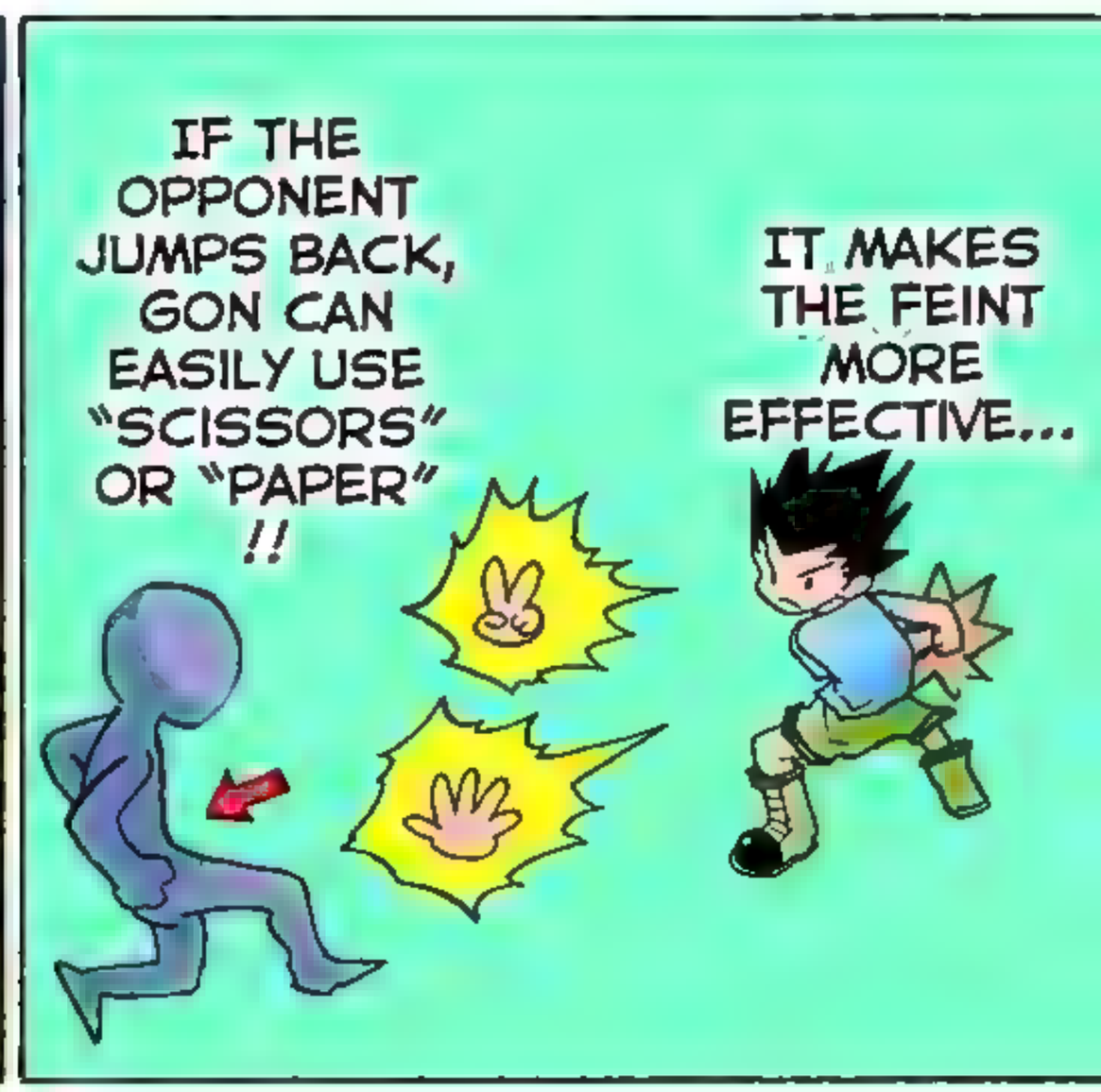

WHICH AS A RESULT, MADE THE FEINT SUCCESS-FULLY...!
BY CALLING HIM OUT FOR BEING SOFT, GON THREW KNUCKLE OFF...


...MORE EFFECTIVE ON SOMEONE WHO KNOWS OF JA JAN KEN'S STRENGTH.
I THINK THIS TACTIC WOULD BE...

THE FLOW OF THE AURA REVEALS TO THE OPPONENT WHAT ATTACK IS COMING...!
THE RIGHT'S A FAKE, I'LL GO FOR THE LEFT...
IF THE NEN USER IS INEXPERIENCED OR LOSES THEIR COOL, THE AURA WILL EITHER STAGNATE OR CONVERSELY, IT'LL FLOW TOO FREELY.


...THE FEAR OF WHAT'S "COMING!" MESSES WITH THEIR MIND.
RIGHT WHEN GON INITIATES THE ATTACK...


I ALWAYS ASSUMED JA-JAN KEN WOULD BE LESS USEFUL ONCE OPPONENTS FIGURED HOW IT WORKS...

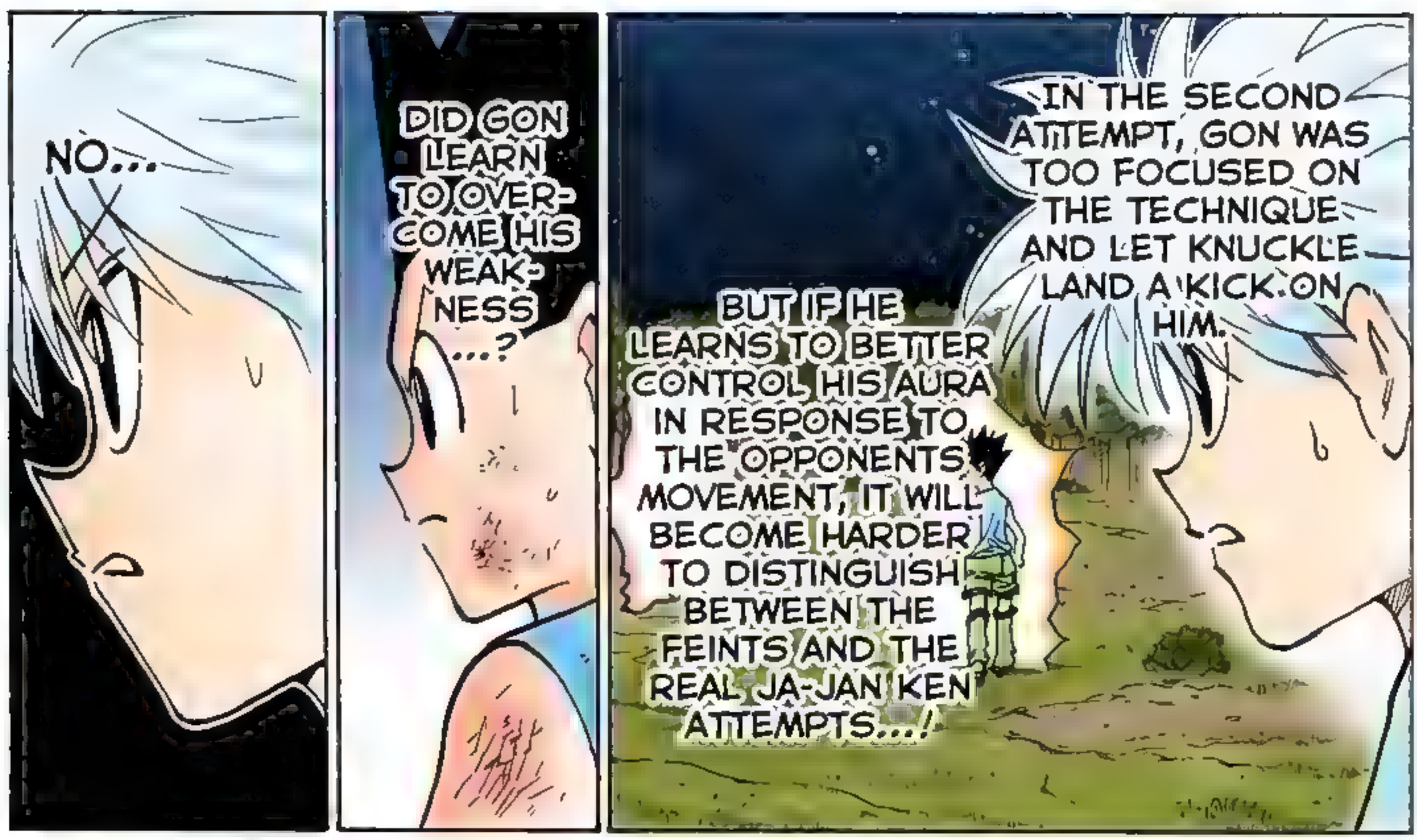

IF THE OPPONENT JUMPS BACK, GON CAN EASILY USE "SCISSORS" OR "PAPER" !!
IT MAKES THE FEINT MORE EFFECTIVE...

HE CAN ADAPT IT TO ANY SITUA-TION!

LET'S START OVER.

OK.

BUT I WAS WRONG ...!!



AT AN EXTRA-ORDINARY SPEED!

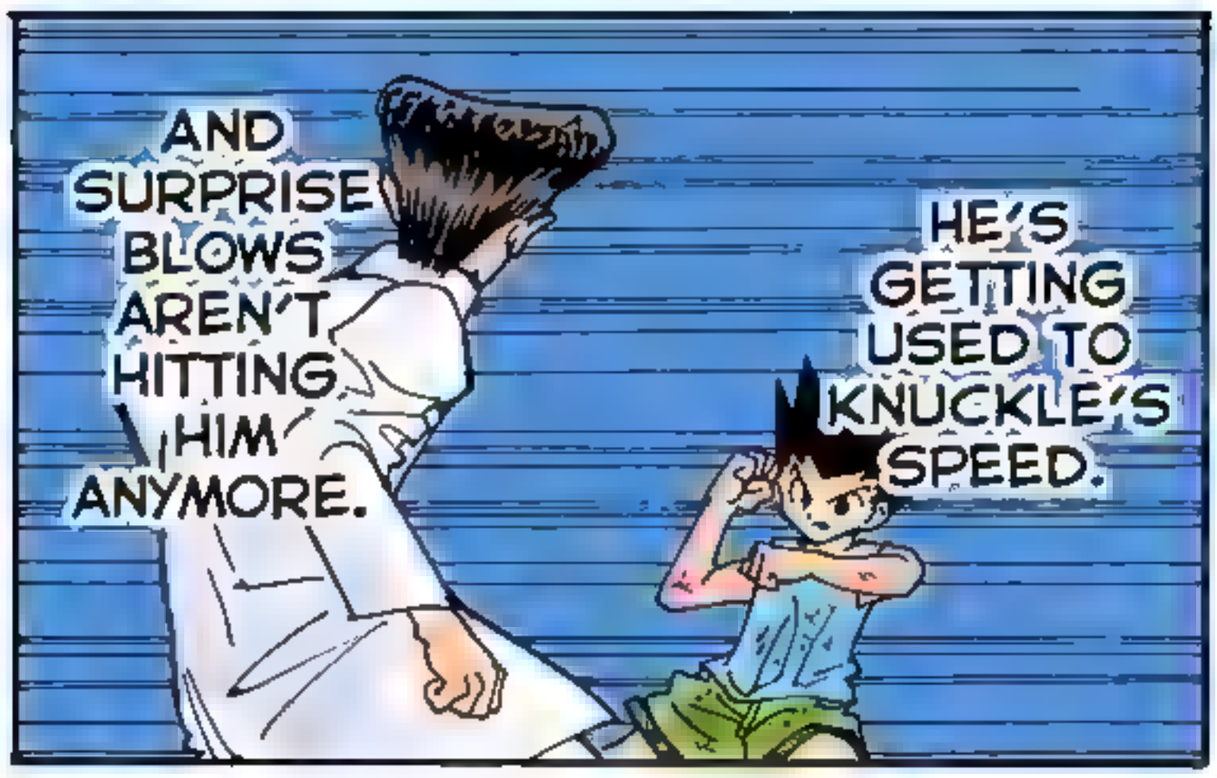
HE'S MAKING INCREDIBLE PROGRESS...!!

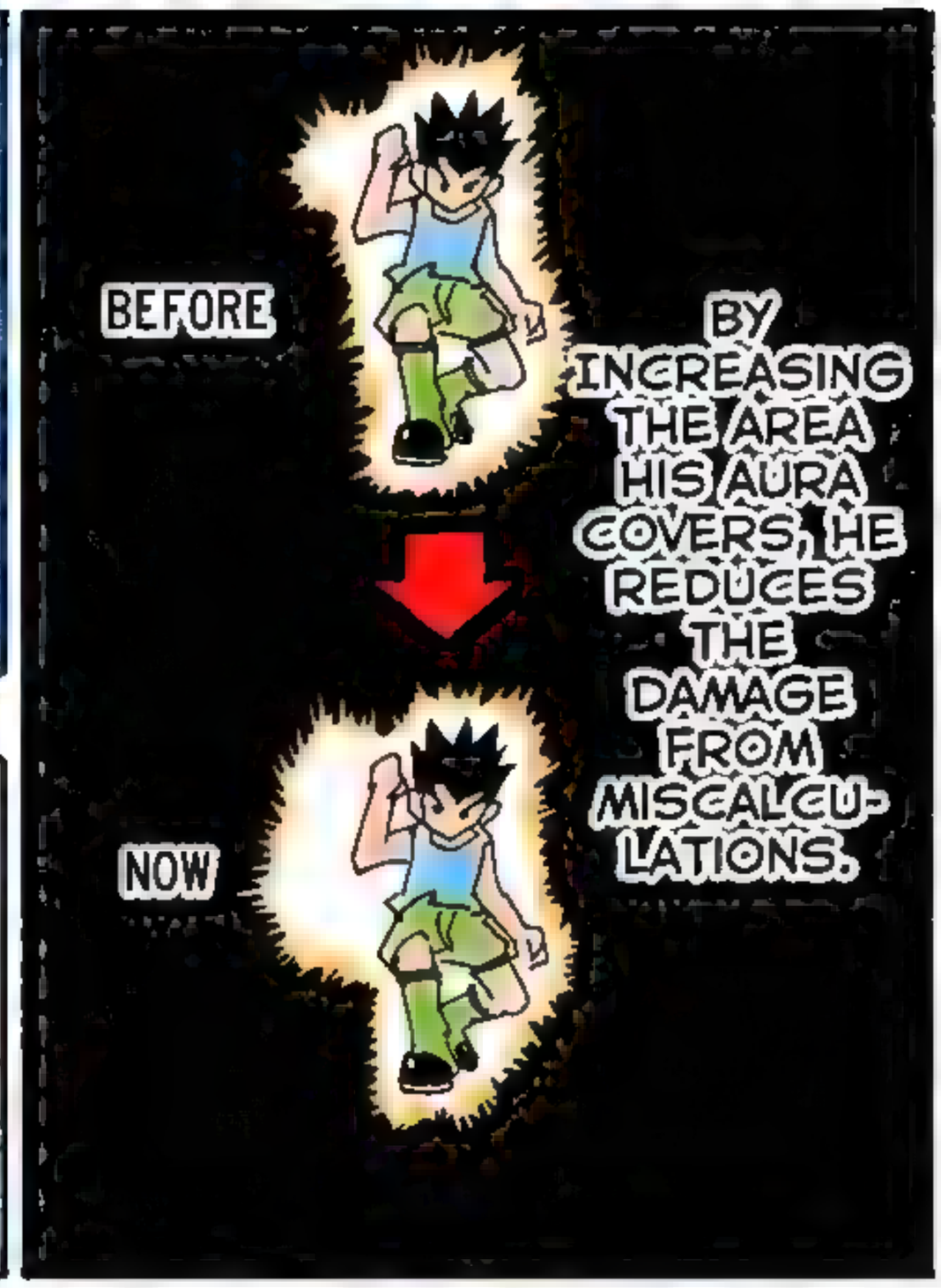
...OF BATTLE!!

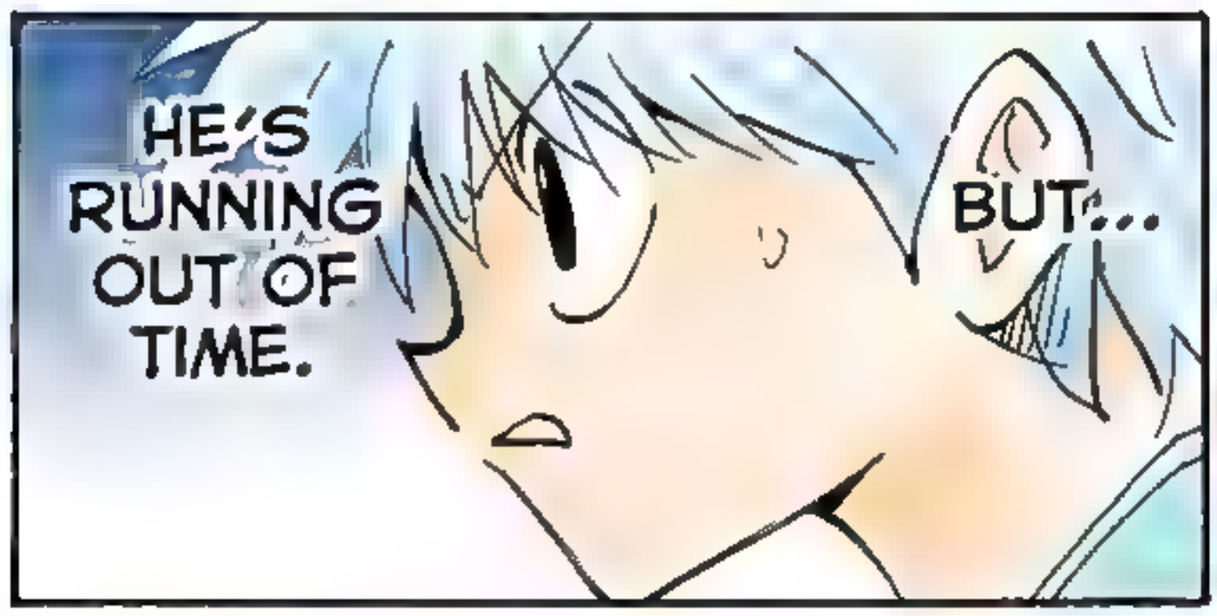
RIGHT IN THE MIDST...

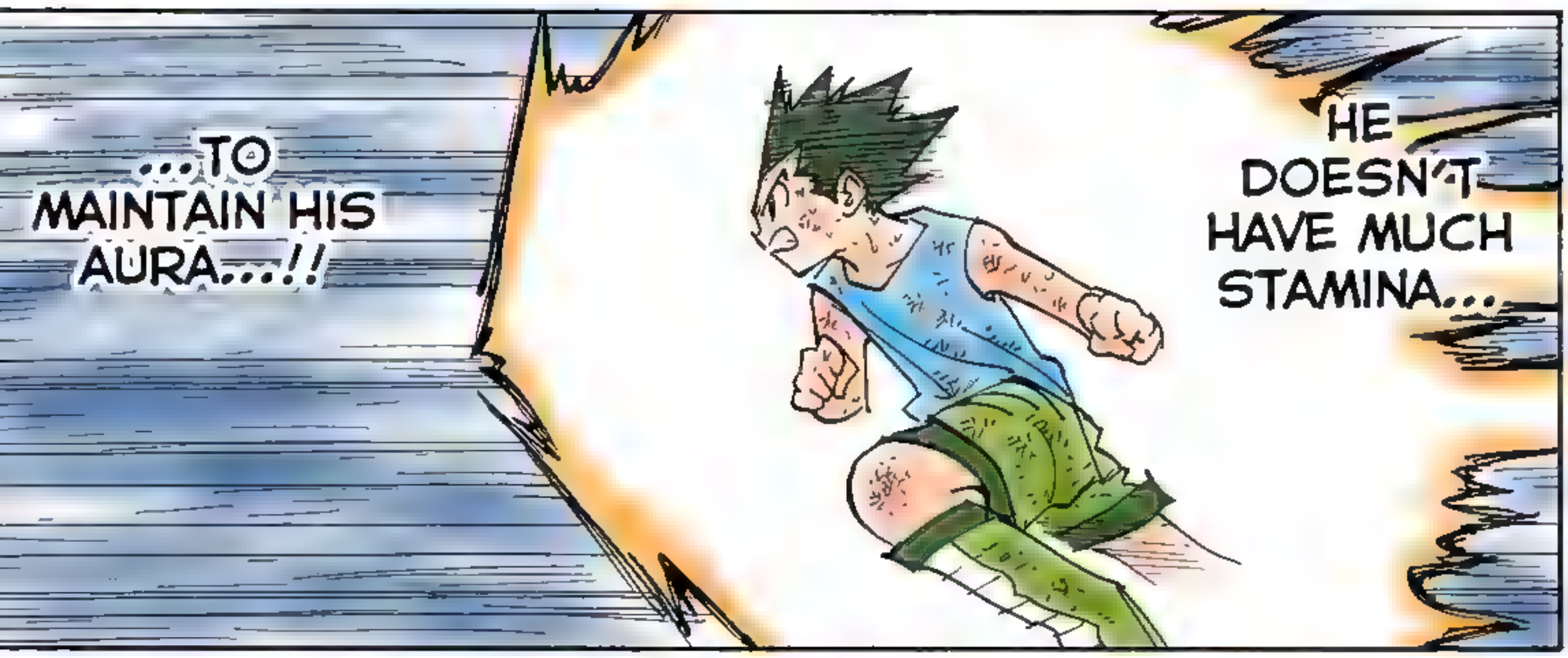
IT'S GETTING HARDER TO MAINTAIN MY "KEN" ALREADY.
IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN 20 MINUTES...
.....
HUFF
I'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN MY KEN FOR ANOTHER 10 MINUTES..!!
IF 1 HOUR OF TRAINING TRANSLATES TO 10 MINUTES IN ACTUAL COMBAT...
I'M USING MORE ENERGY BECAUSE I'M MOVING AT THE SAME TIME...
BEFORE THEN, I HAVE TO END THIS...!!
...I'M DONE FOR.
IF MY AURA DEFENSE GOES DOWN...
BY USING MY JA-JAN KEN...!!

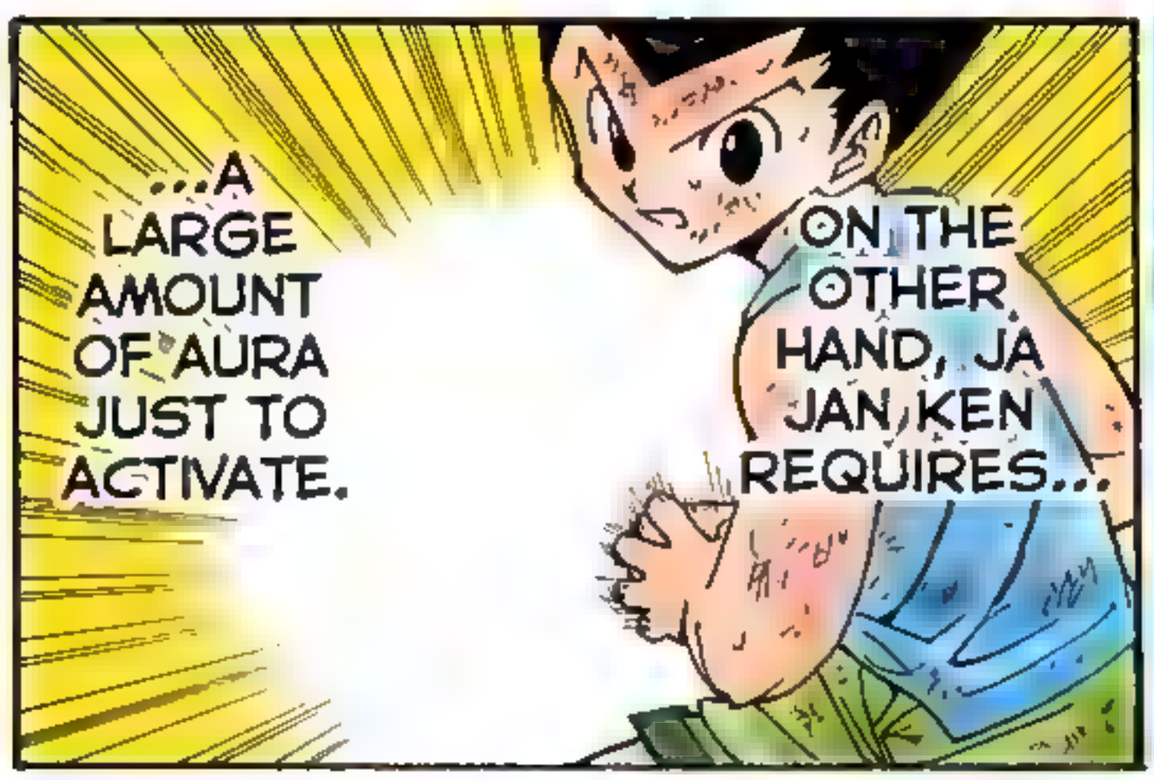
UGH.
BUT GON IS ADAPTING, LITTLE BY LITTLE.
KNUCKLE DEFINITELY HAS SUPERIOR PHYSICAL STRENGTH!

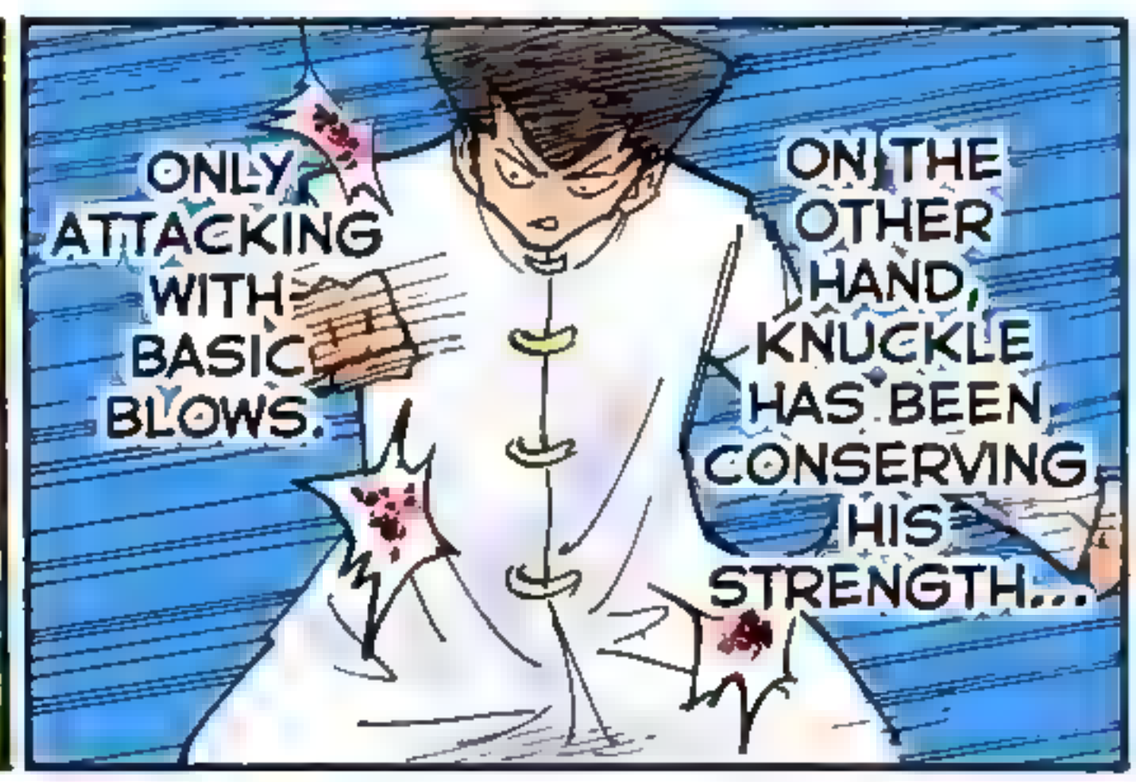

AND SURPRISE BLOWS AREN'T HITTING HIM ANYMORE.
HE'S GETTING USED TO KNUCKLE'S SPEED.


BEFORE
NOW
BY INCREASING THE AREA HIS AURA COVERS, HE REDUCES THE DAMAGE FROM MISCALCULATIONS.


HE'S RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
BUT...


...TO MAINTAIN HIS AURA...!!
HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH STAMINA...


...A LARGE AMOUNT OF AURA JUST TO ACTIVATE.
ON THE OTHER HAND, JA JAN KEN REQUIRES...


ONLY ATTACKING WITH BASIC BLOWS.
ON THE OTHER HAND, KNUCKLE HAS BEEN CONSERVING HIS STRENGTH...

GON'S ALREADY ACTIVATED HIS TECHNIQUE THREE TIMES...

GON USED UP CONSIDERABLE AURA IN FEINTS ALONE.

...TO FIGHT AT FULL STRENGTH...!!

HE'LL ONLY HAVE A MINUTE OR TWO...

THEY STARTED FIGHTING 20 MINUTES AGO.

IF HE USES JA JAN KEN AGAIN...

GON.
.....
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
BUT YOU'RE STILL NO MATCH FOR ME RIGHT NOW!!
YOU SAID YOU'D GIVE IT YOUR ALL...
!?
SHOW ME...
YOU ARE-

ROCK!
WHY ?!!
WHA-

WHAT...

...IS HE THINKING ?!

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JAN !!
KEN !!!
SO THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON FOR HIM TO ATTACK FROM THAT DISTANCE...!!
WHY...?! KNUCKLE'S HAS NO OPENINGS NOR HAS HE TAKEN ANY DAMAGE...
THIS WILL END IT!!
THIS IS DEFINITELY GON'S FINAL ATTACK.

PAPER !!!!

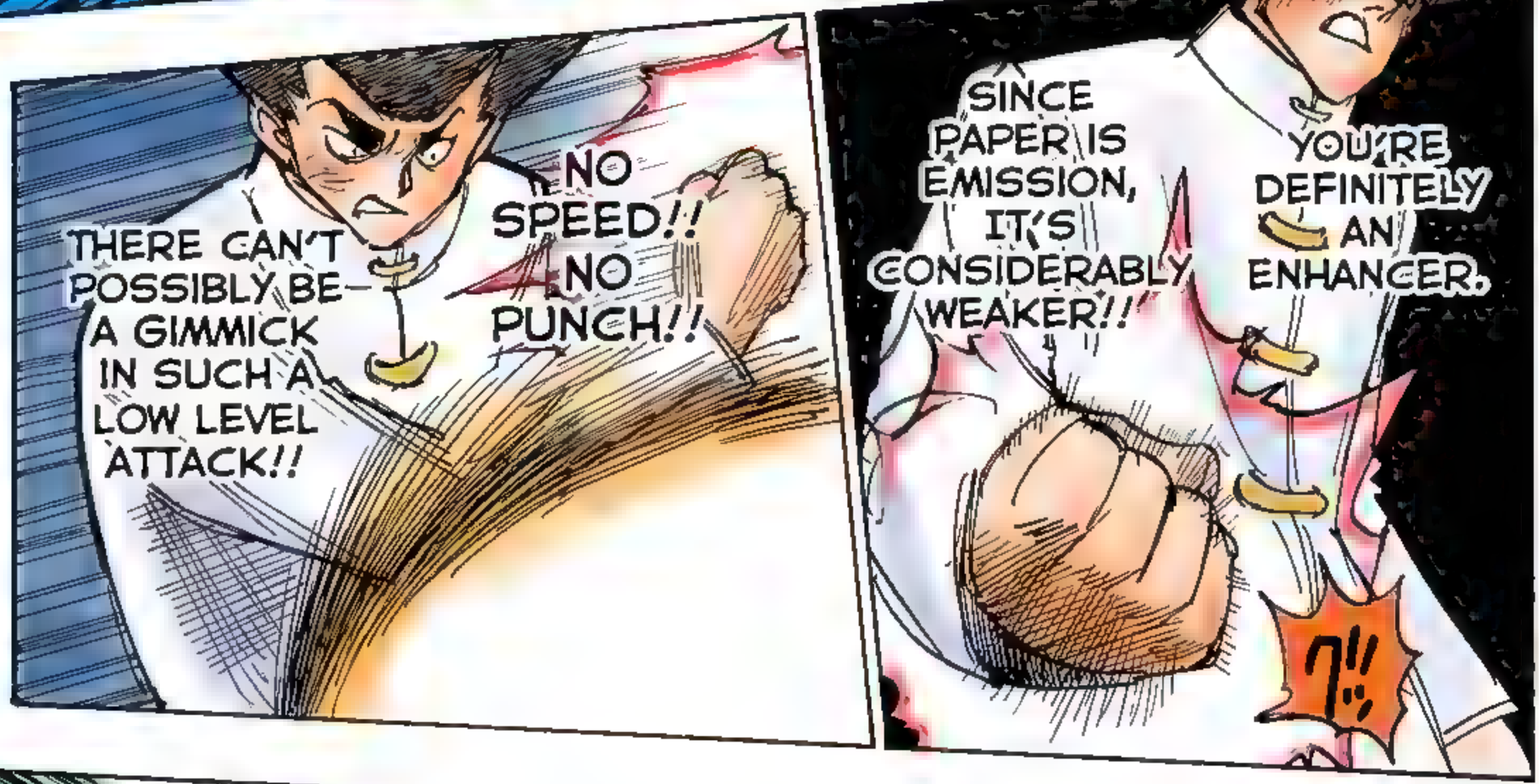
BUT STILL...

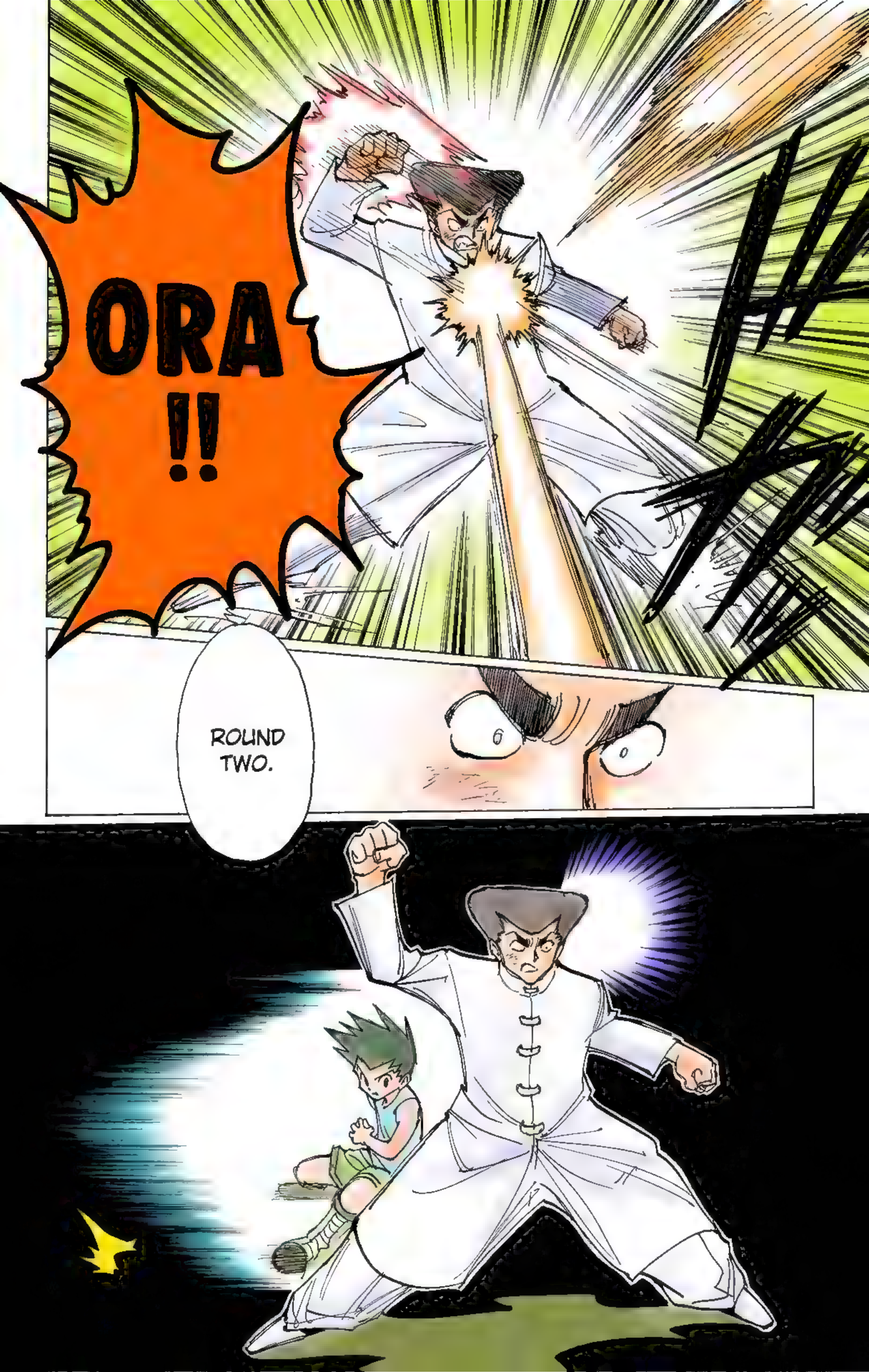
THAT'S AN EMITTER ATTACK!!

!!

THAN HIS ROCK!!

IT'S STILL MUCH WEAKER...




ORA !!
ROUND TWO.

ROUND TWO?!

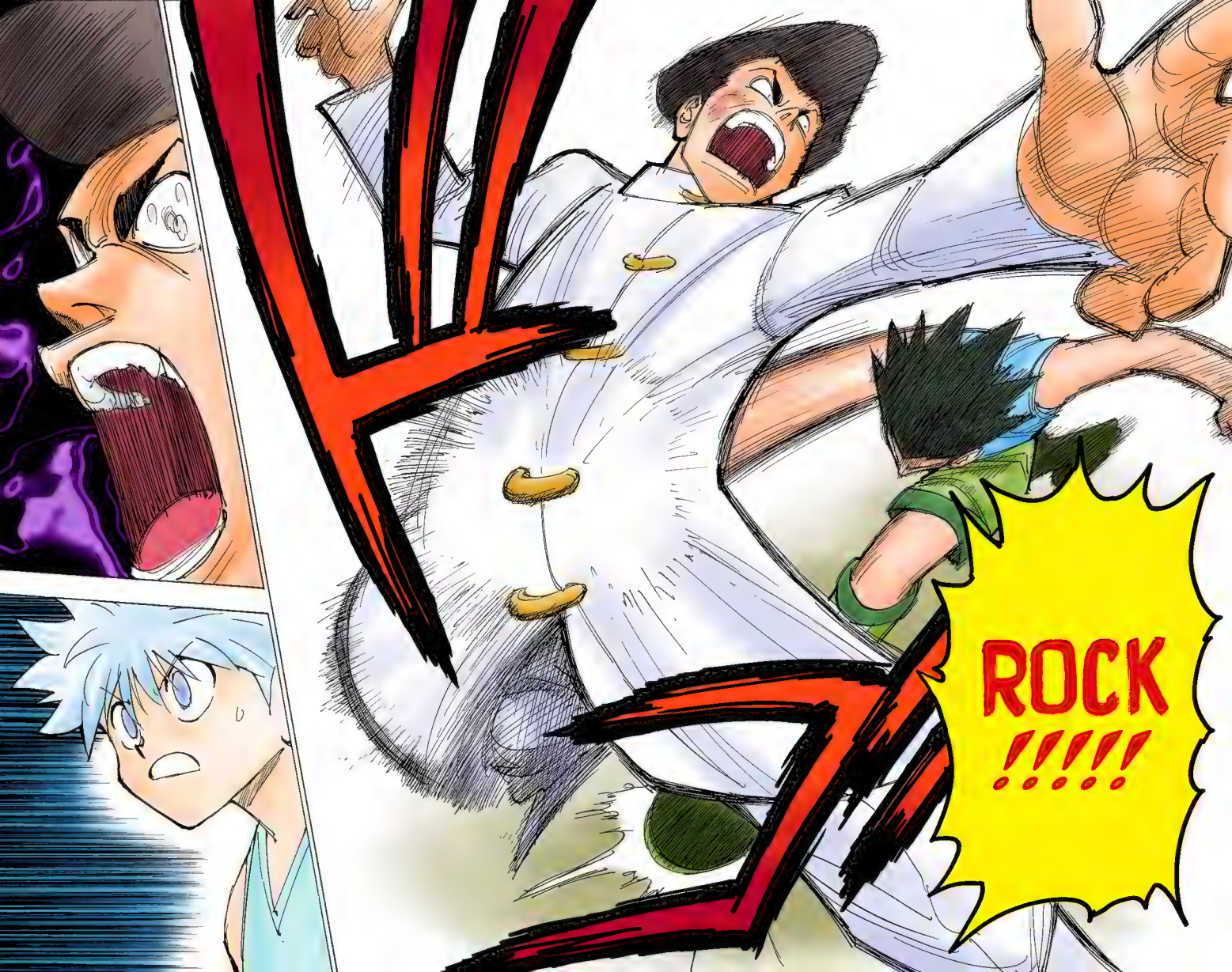
NOT GOOD.

FOCUS HERE

HE USED THAT BALL AS A DECOY TO GET BEHIND ME...!!

...COMBO ATTACK!

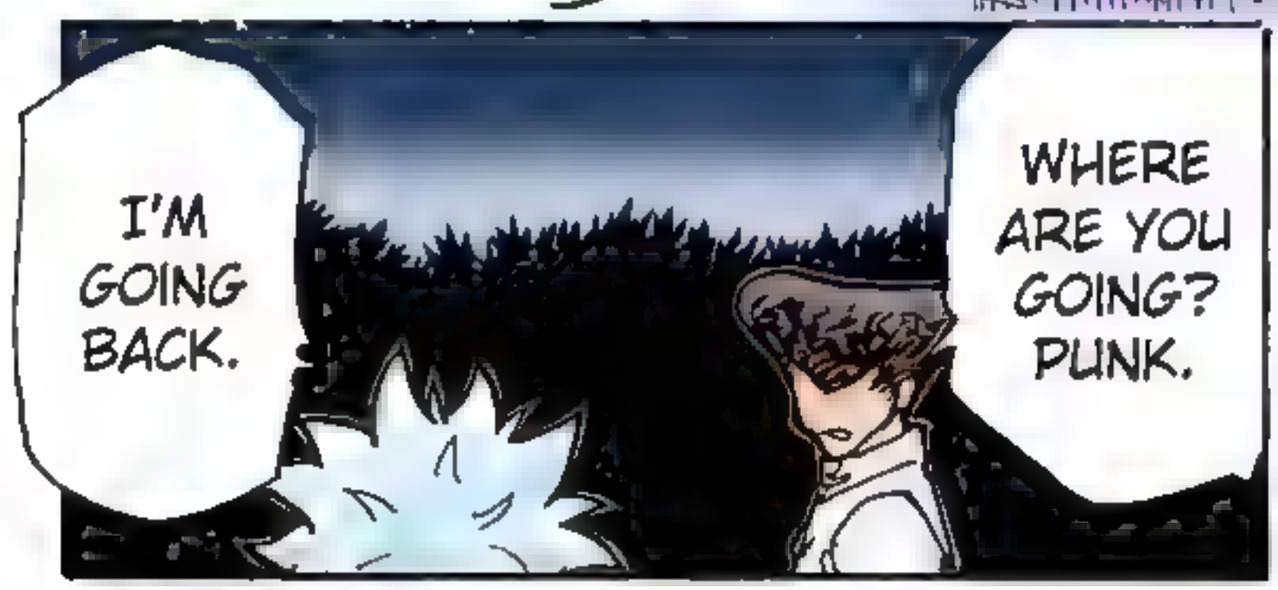
A JA-JAN KEN...

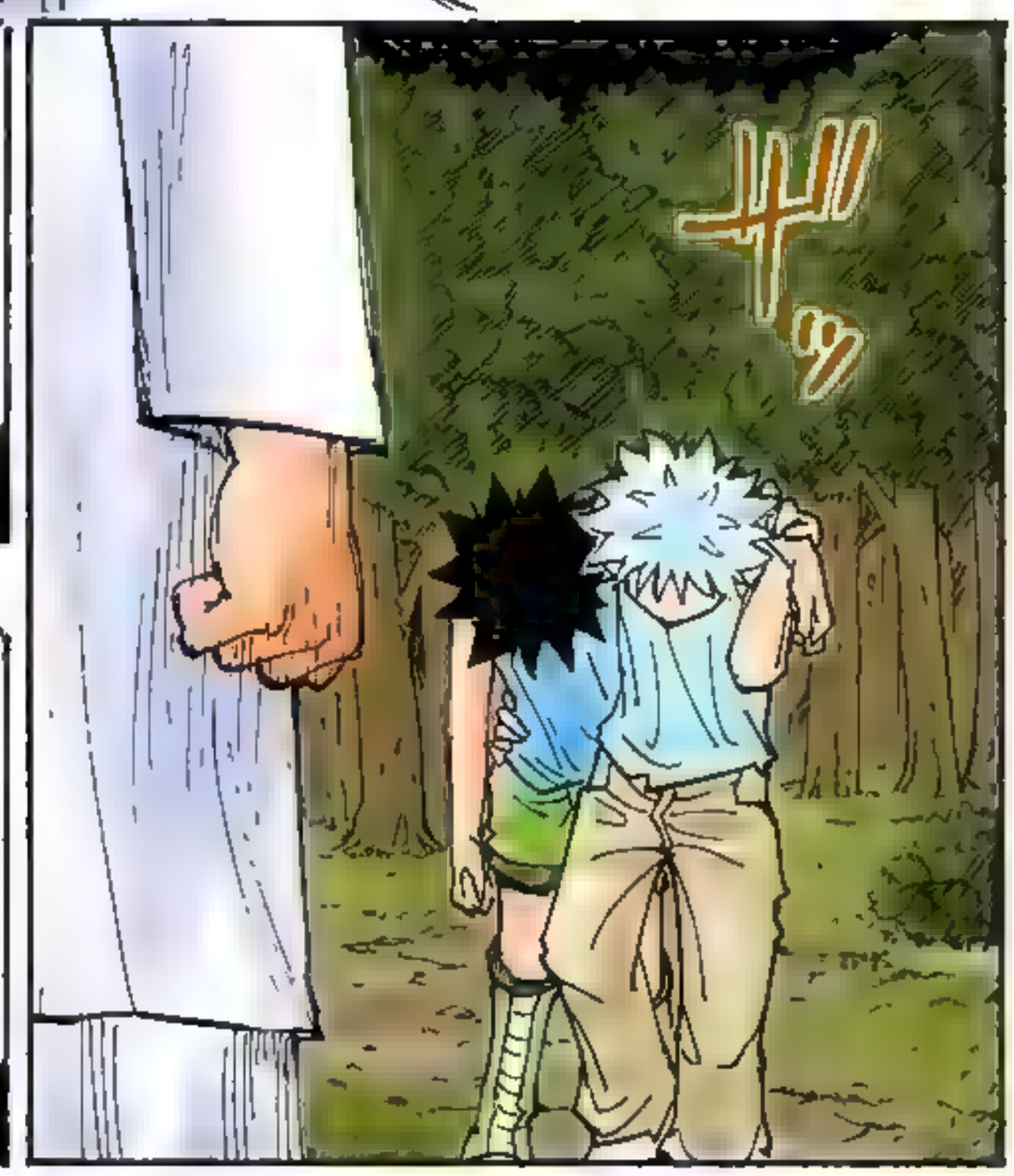

ROCK
!!!!!

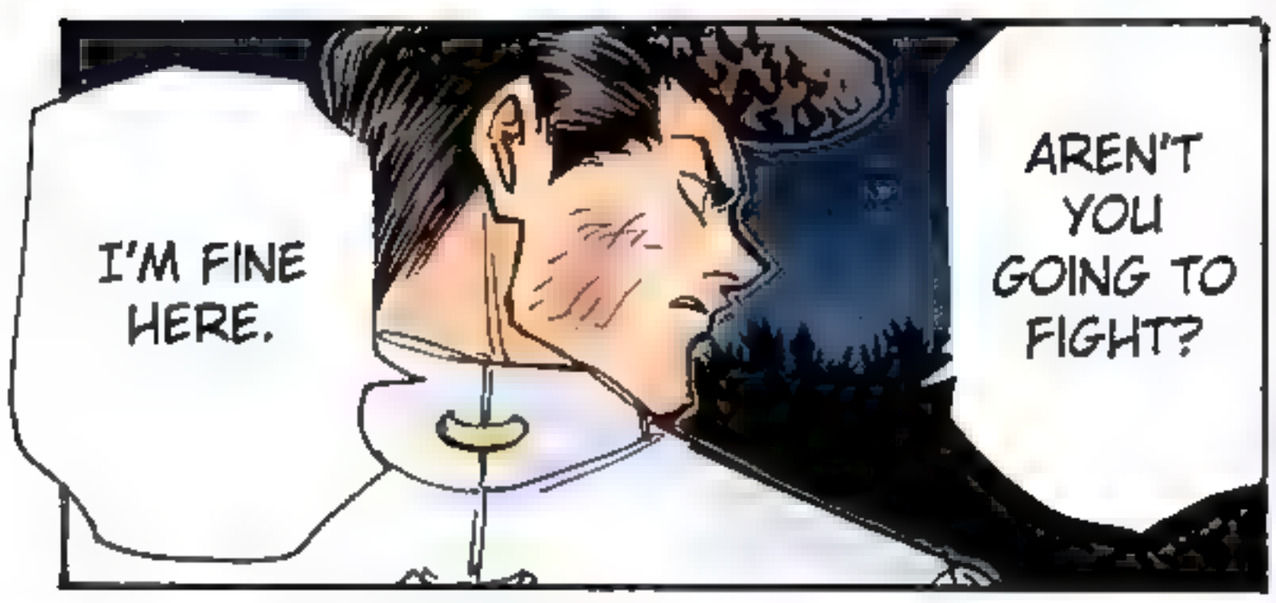
...ALL OF HIS AURA.
HE MUST'VE DEPLETED...
BEFORE HIS ROCK ATTACK HIT...

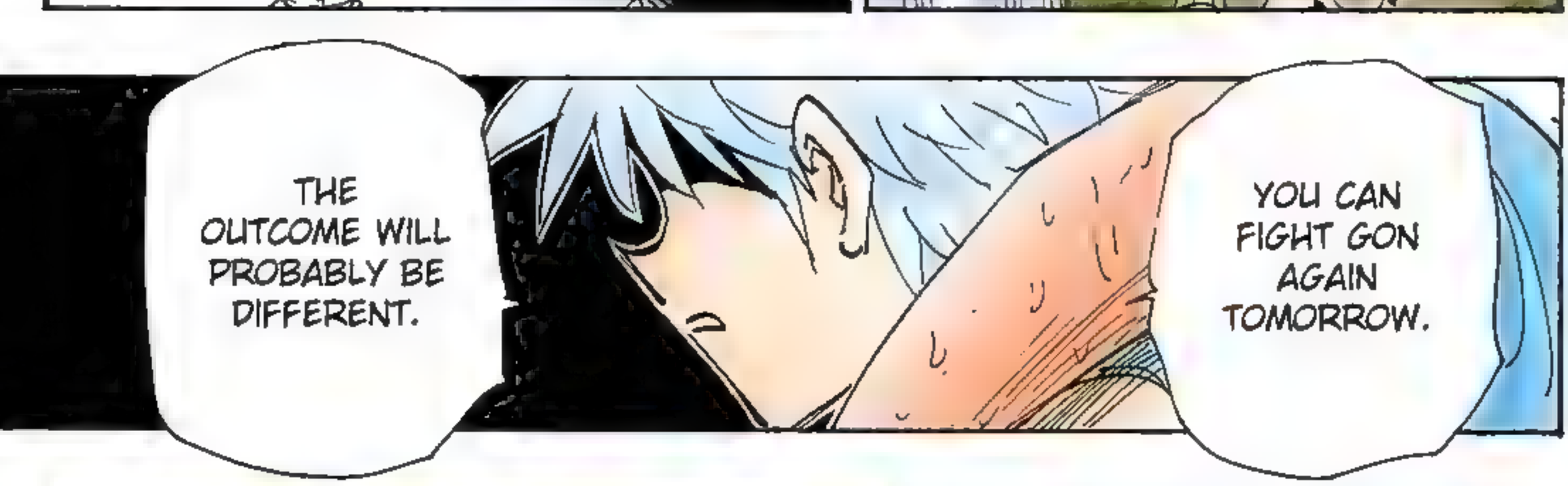
HE WOULD'VE BEATEN ME...!!

IF HE HADN'T...



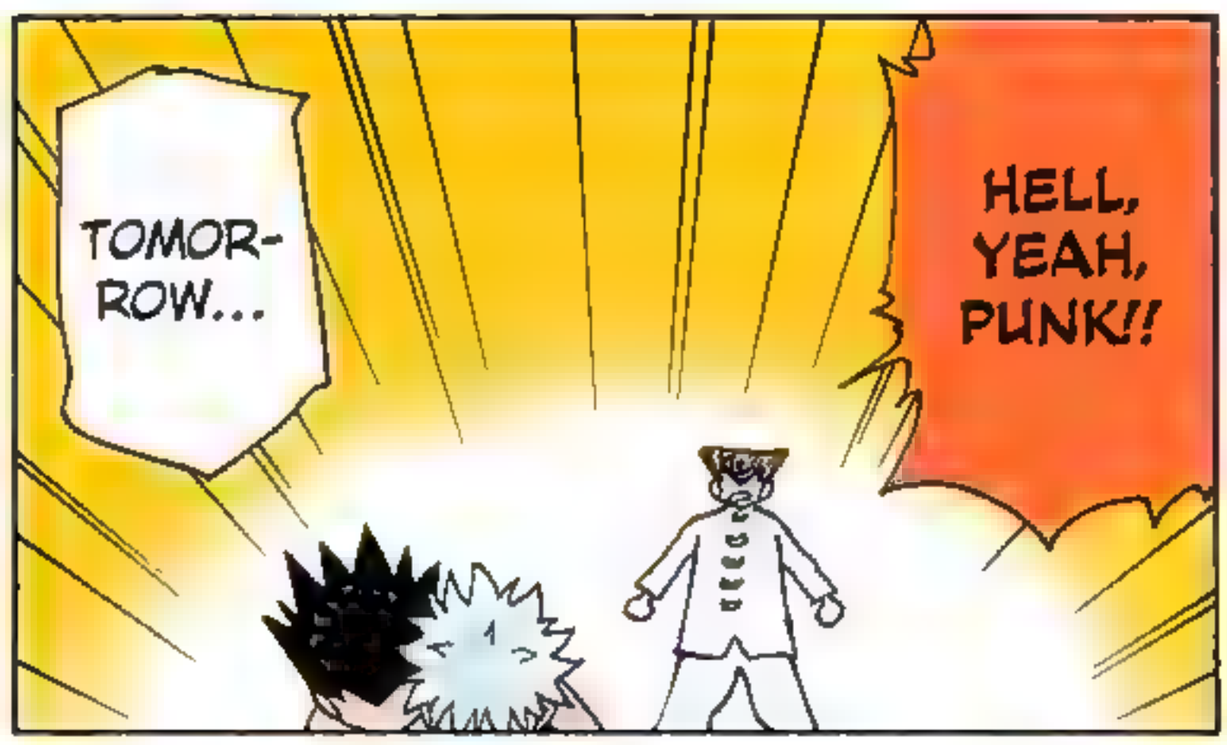


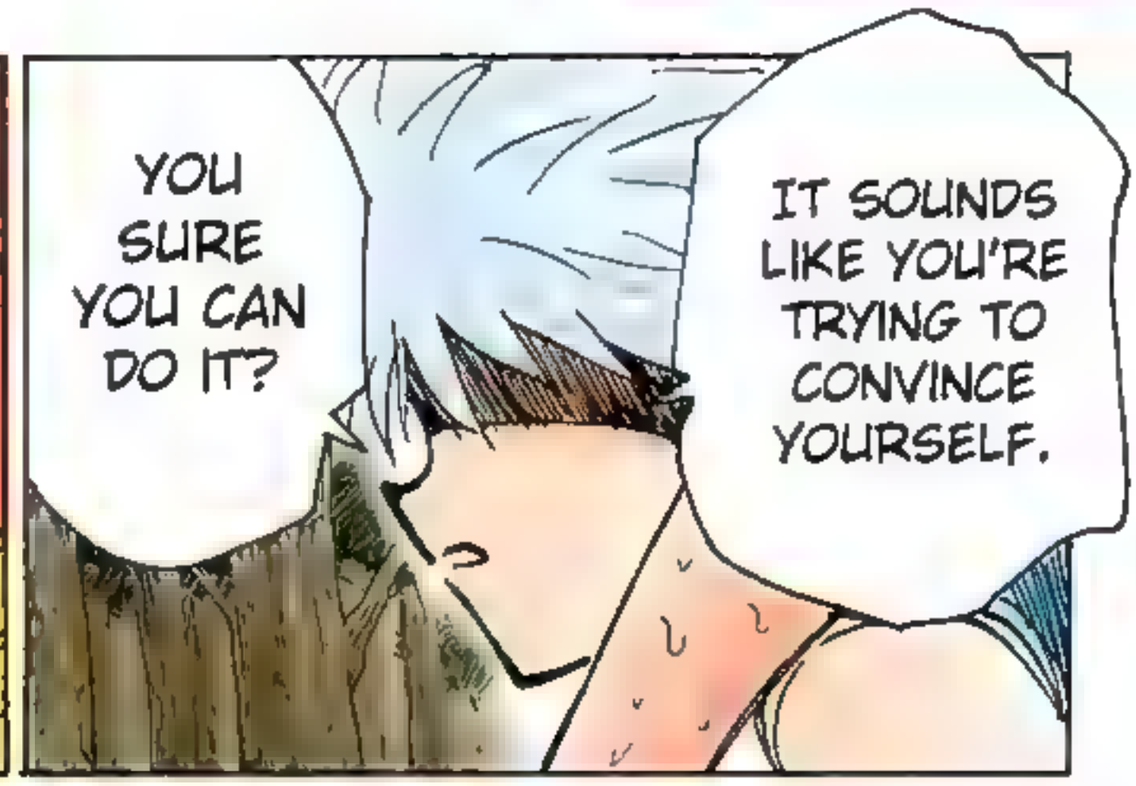


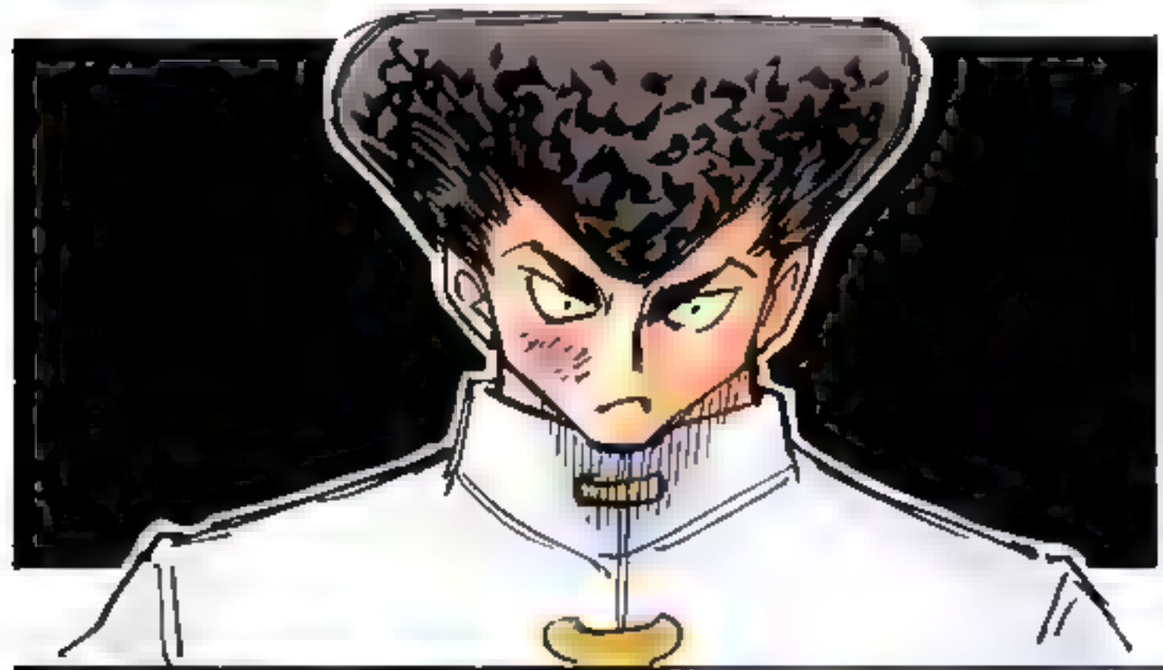


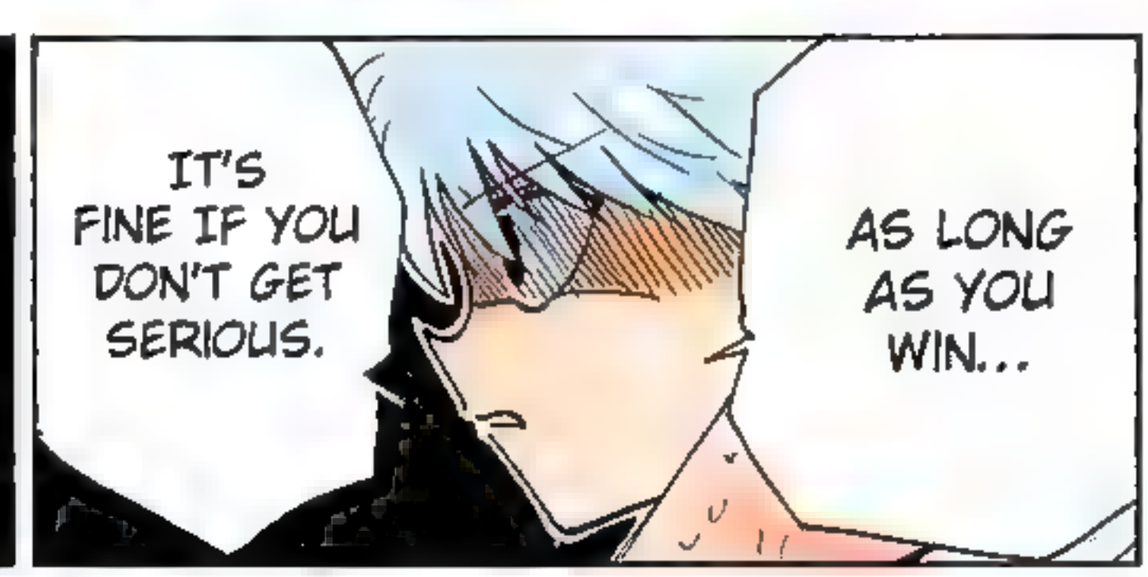
SO HE BETTER BE PREPARED TO DIE!!

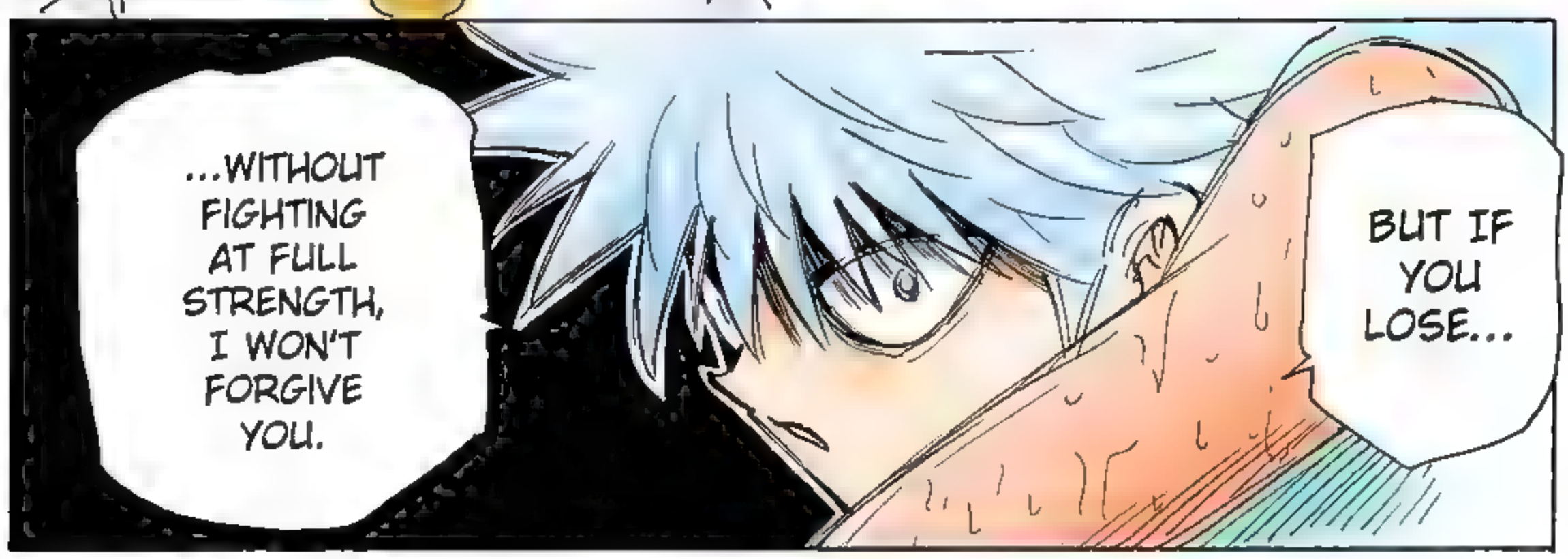
TOMORROW... I'LL BE FIGHTING FOR REAL.





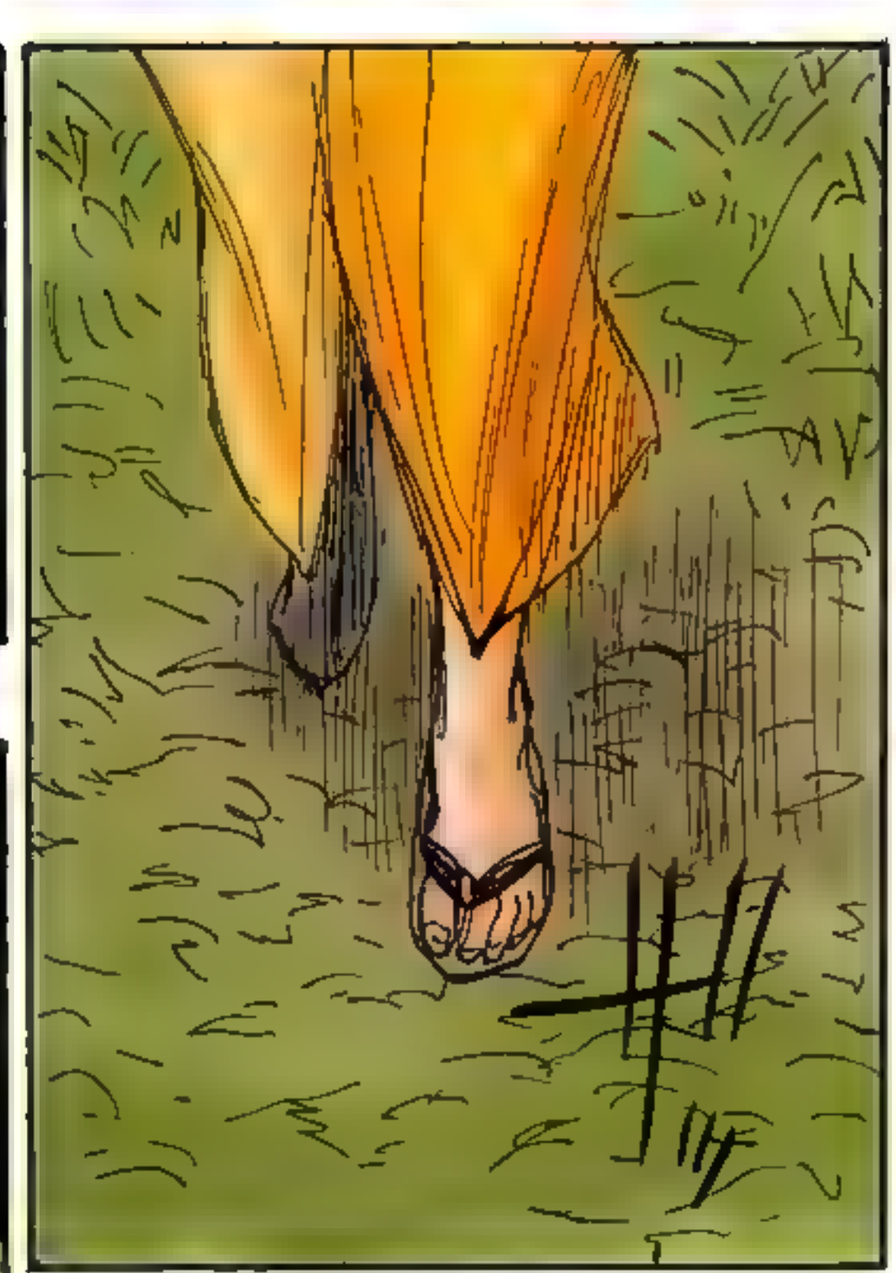


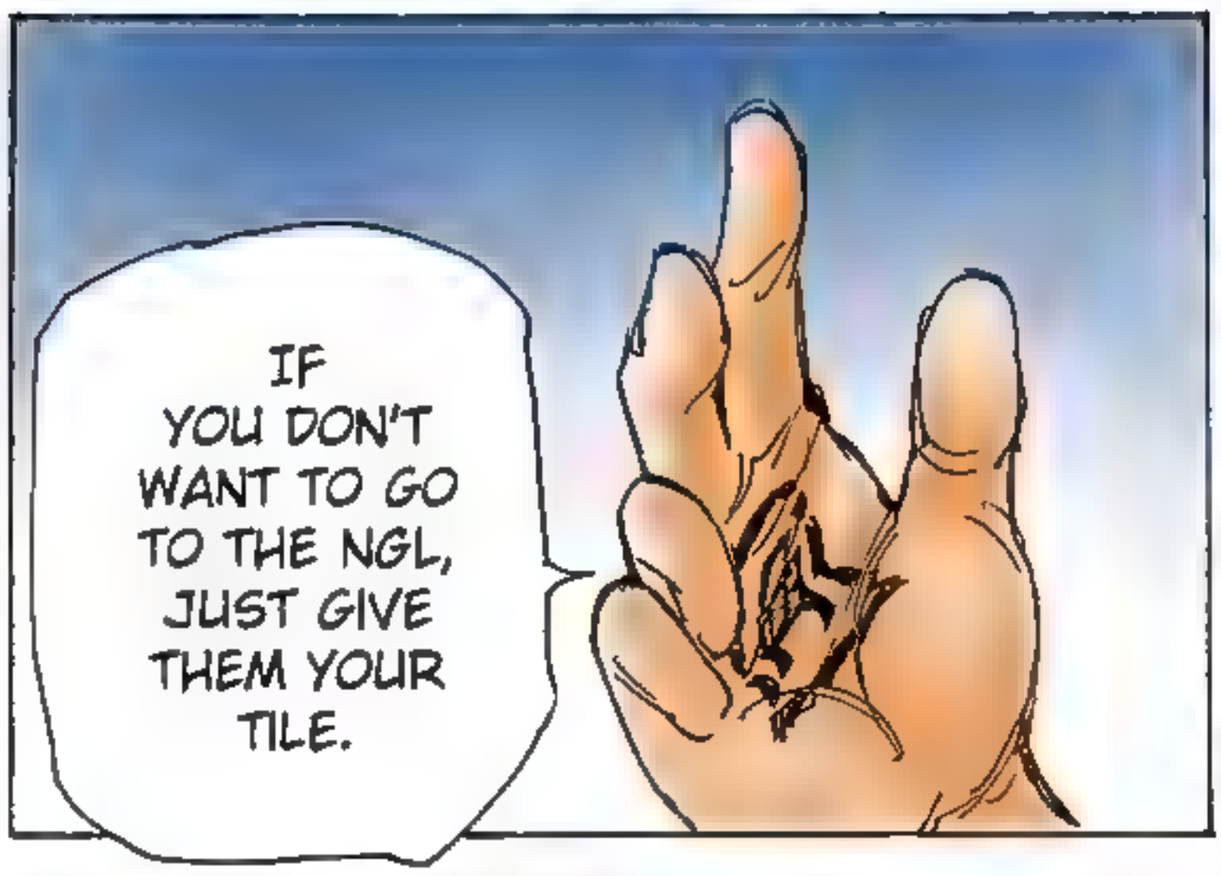


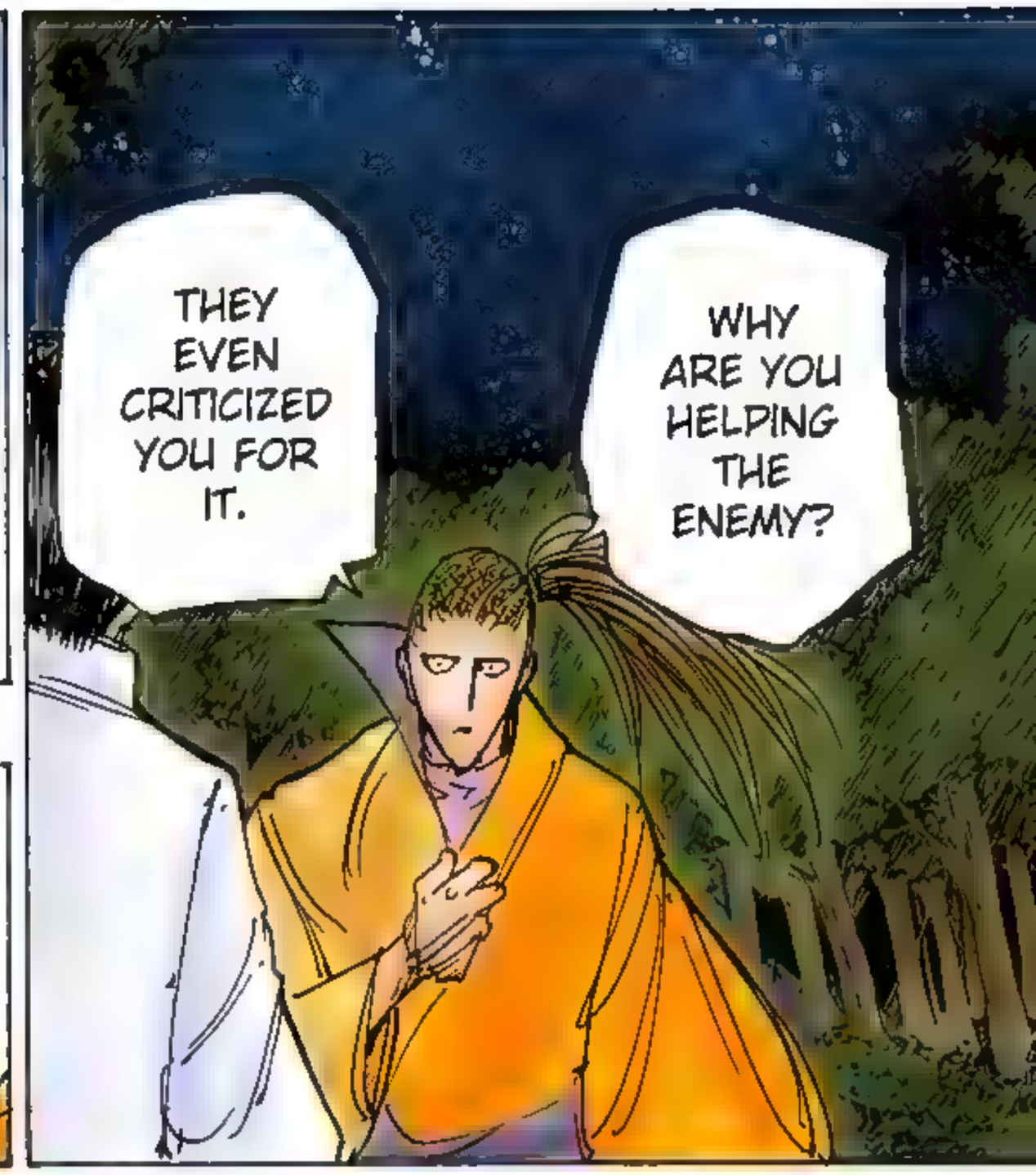


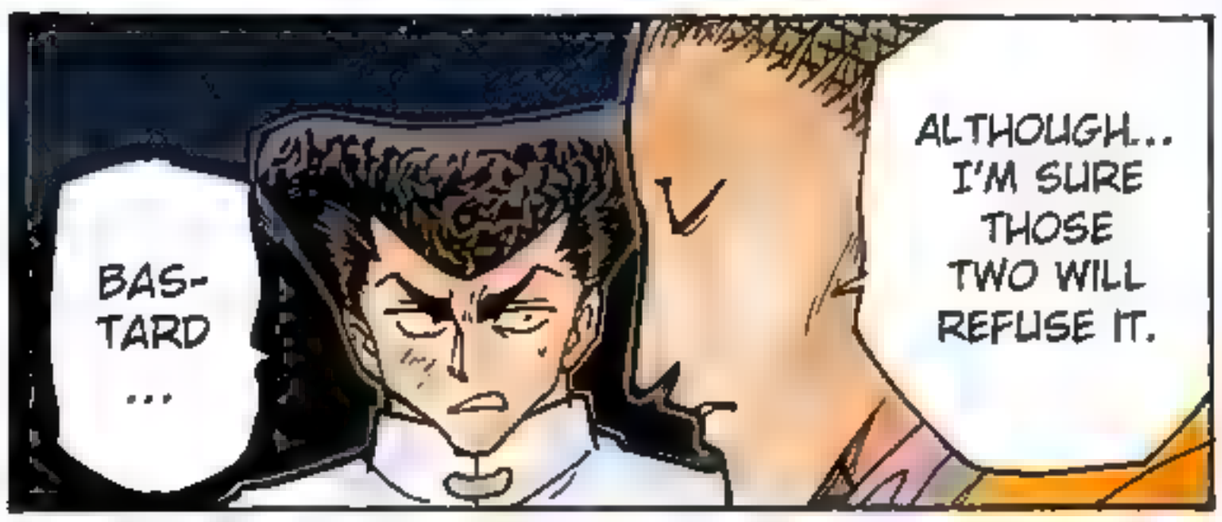
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU...
...FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE.

YOU'RE SUCH A SOFTIE.
SHOOT ...

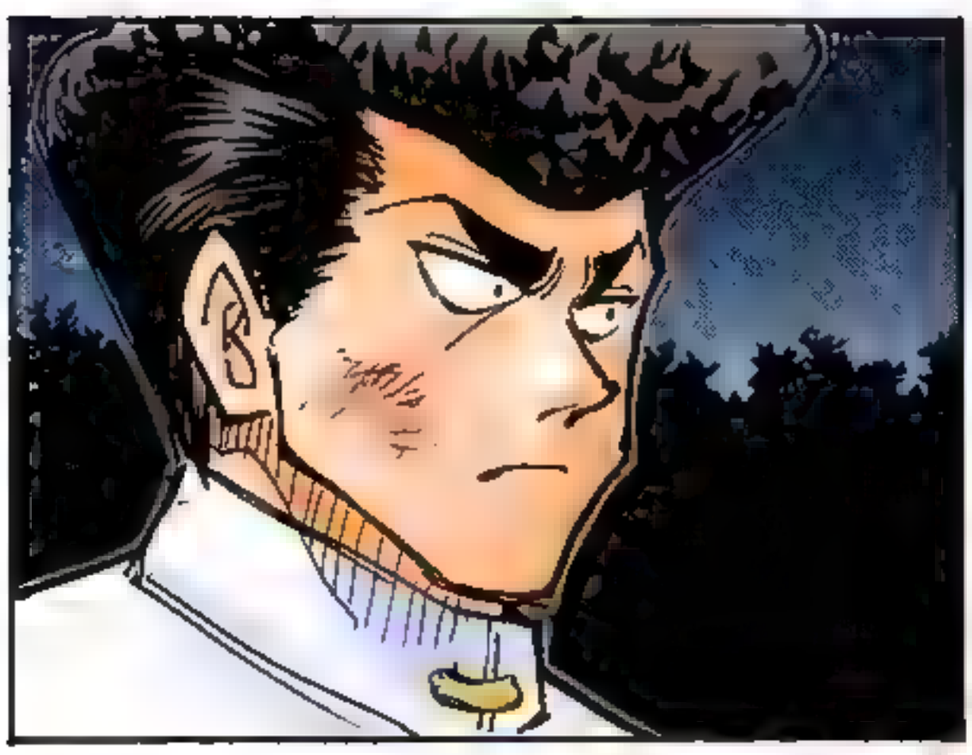


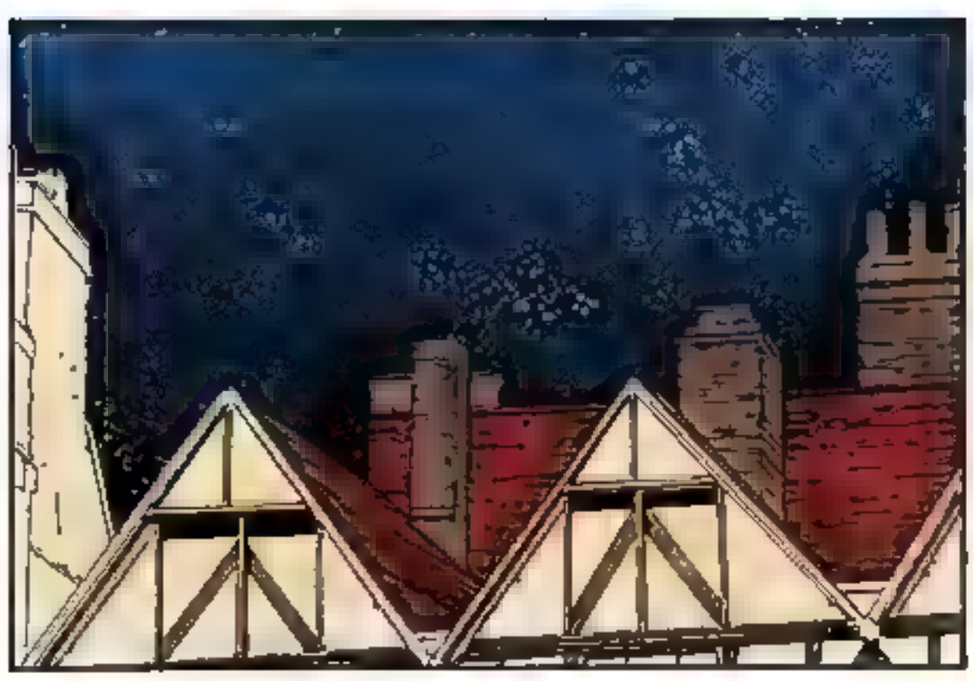

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE NGL, JUST GIVE THEM YOUR TILE.

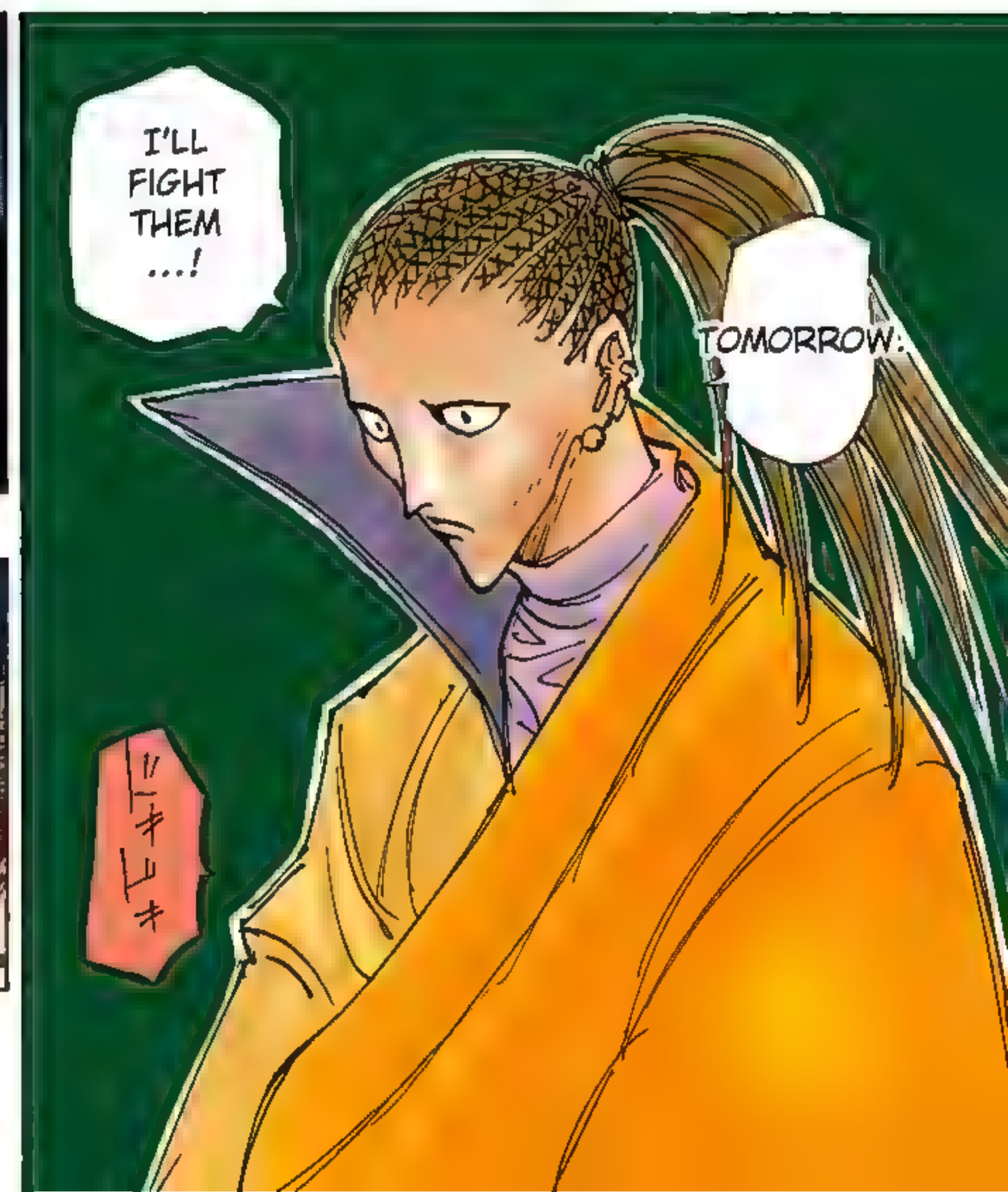

THEY EVEN CRITICIZED YOU FOR IT.
WHY ARE YOU HELPING THE ENEMY?


BAS-TARD ...
ALTHOUGH... I'M SURE THOSE TWO WILL REFUSE IT.

I'LL DO IT.
THE PAST MONTH, ALL YOU'VE DONE IS STALK THEM!!
YOU'RE PRETTY COCKY WHEN YOU AREN'T SHAKING IN YOUR BOOTS.






I'LL FIGHT THEM ...!
TOMORROW.
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I GAVE HIM A MASSAGE, SO HE'LL BE ABLE TO FIGHT IN TOP CONDITION TOMORROW.

DON'T WORRY.

I WASN'T EXPECTING HIM TO GO THE WHOLE MONTH WITHOUT FIGHTING ONCE.

KILLUA'S THE REAL ISSUE...

KILLUA!

YOU AND ME!

LET'S FIGHT.

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KILLUA!! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?!

HUH? JUST TRAINING WITH BISCUIT.

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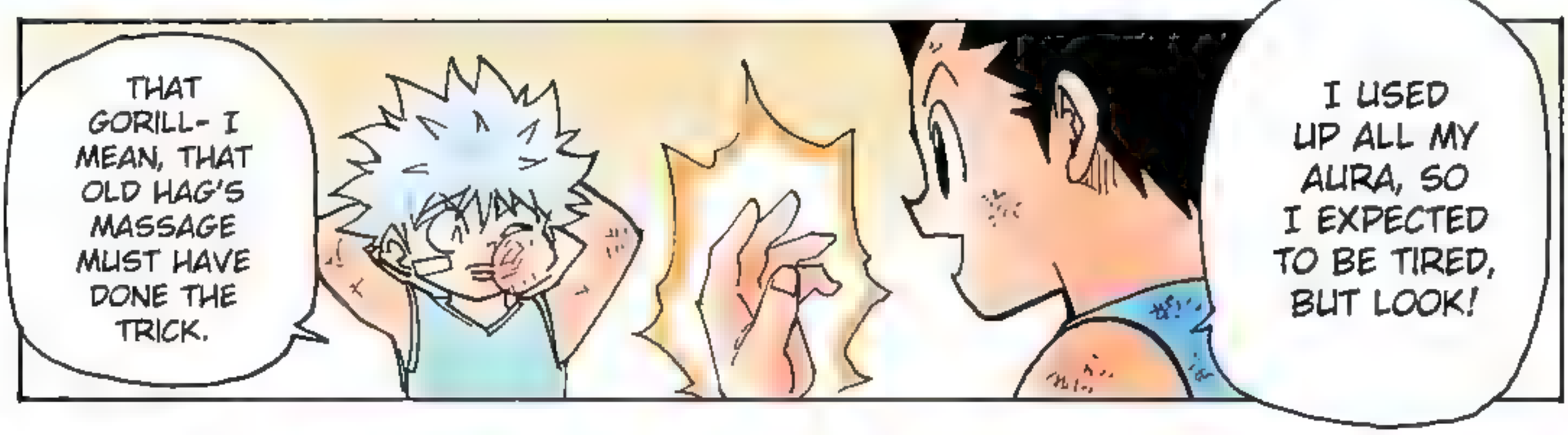
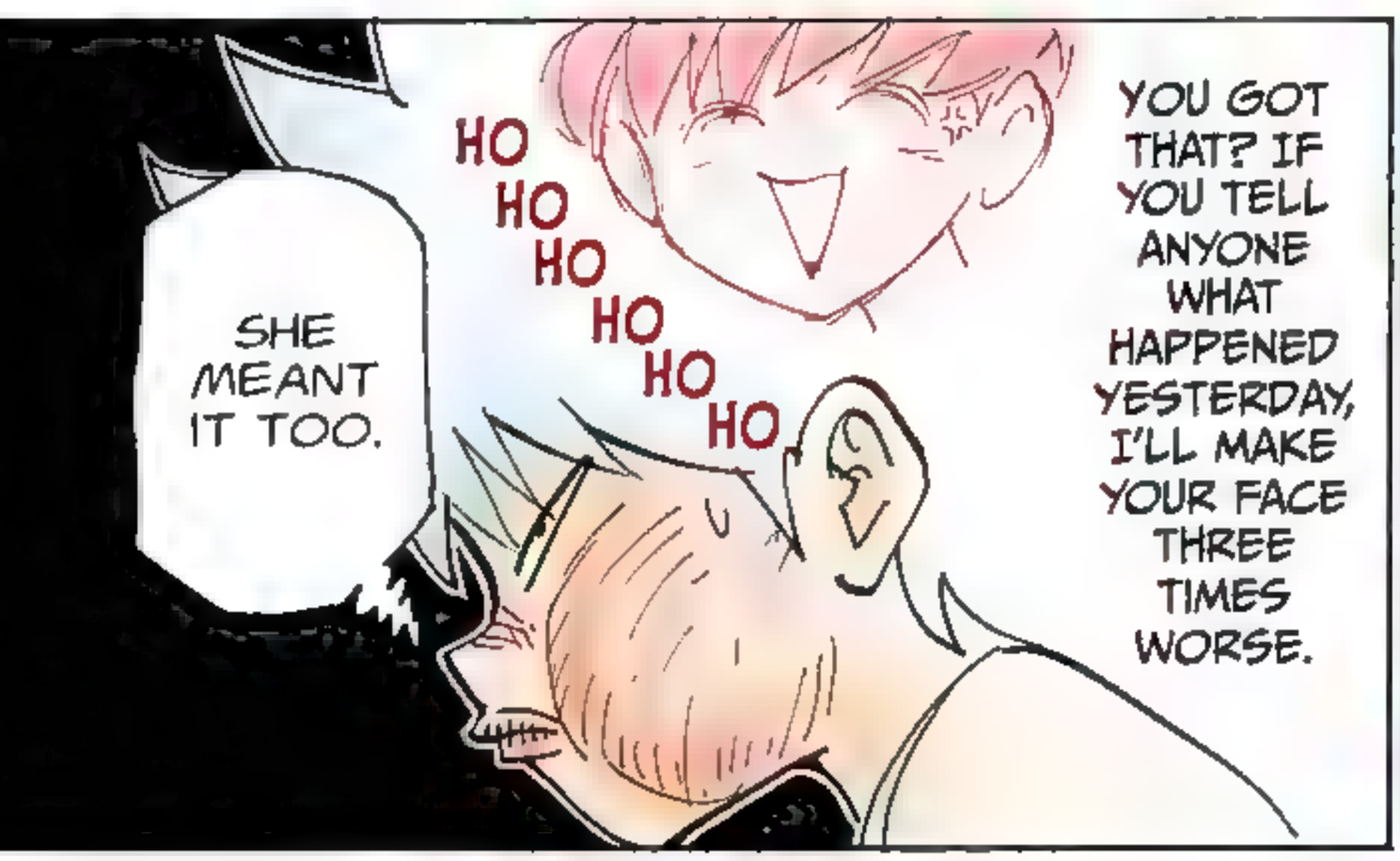
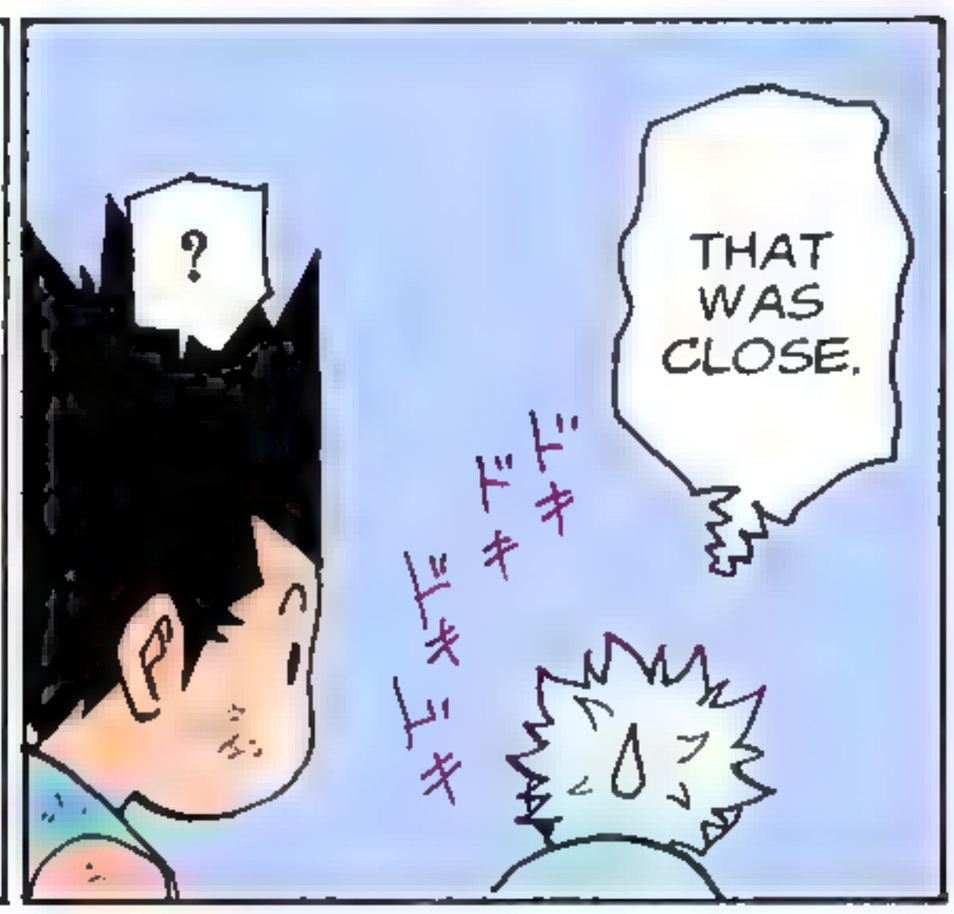






DO YOU SEE YOUR WEAKNESS NOW?

HUFF

HUFF

YOU'RE TOO QUICK TO GIVE UP!!

IT'S YOU.

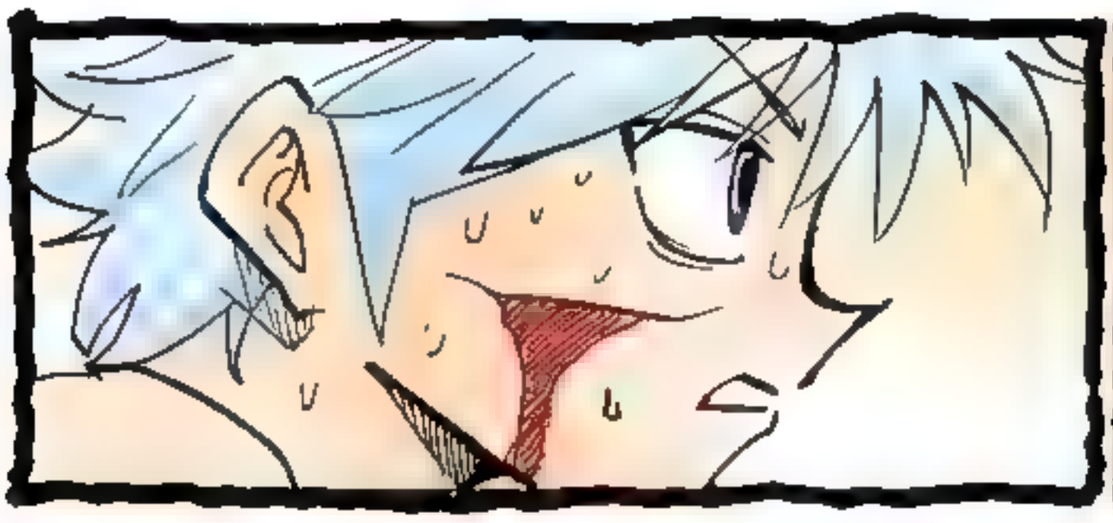
WHEN FACING AN ENEMY YOU BELIEVE TO BE STRONGER..

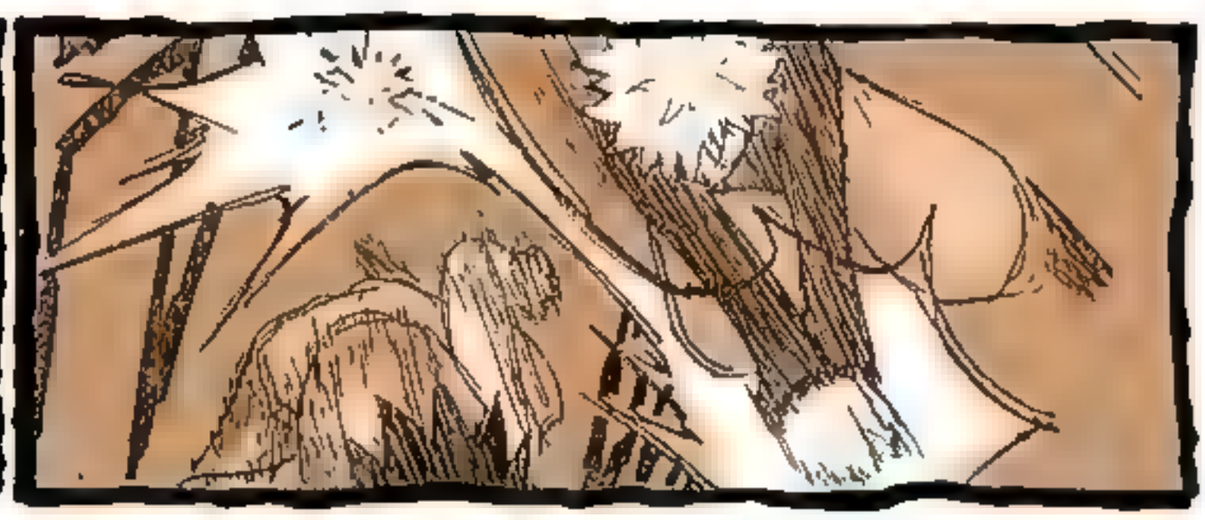
IN YOUR CASE...

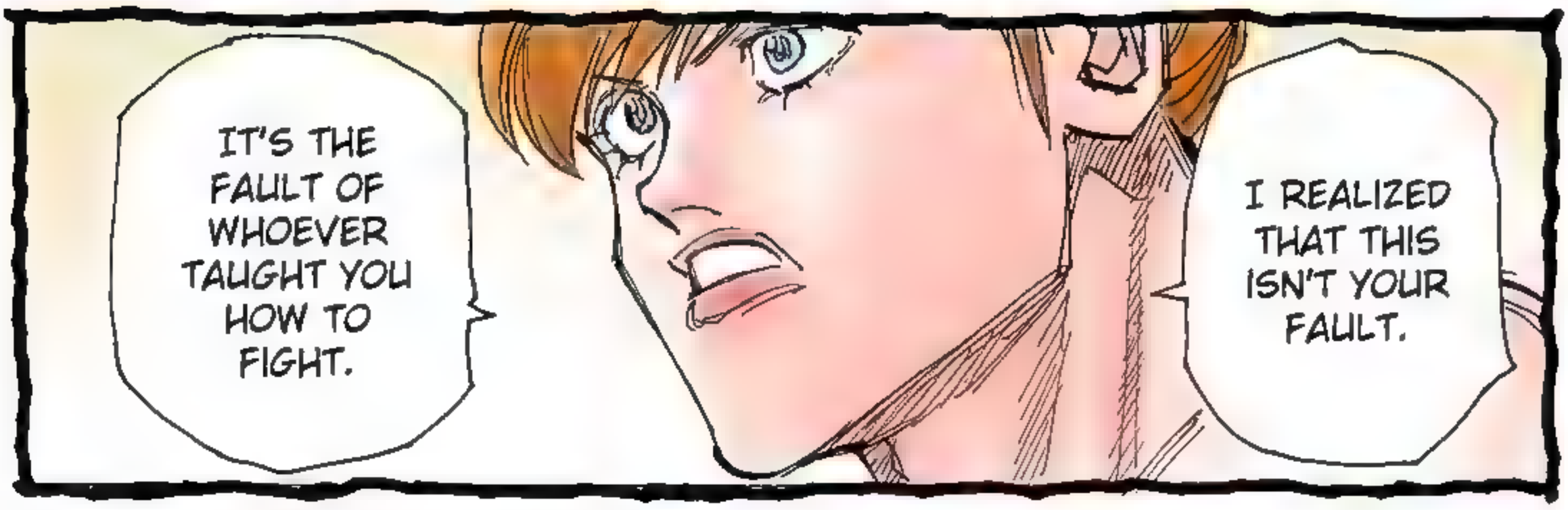
YOU UNDERES-TIMATE YOURSELF.

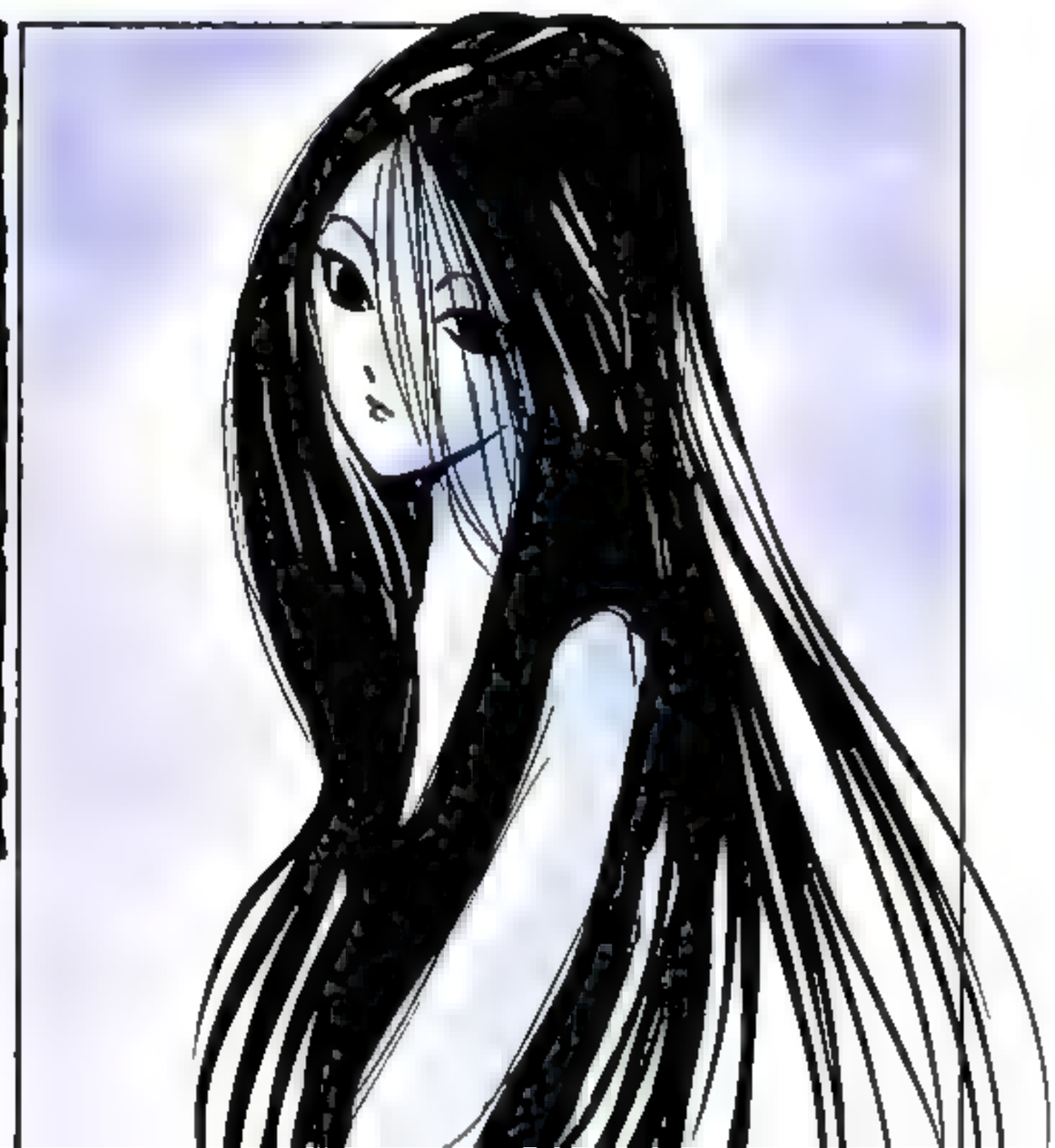
YOU'RE TOO CAUTIOUS IN COMBAT! YOU COULD EVEN SAY...

YOU FIGHT ON THE PREMISE OF ESCAPING!!

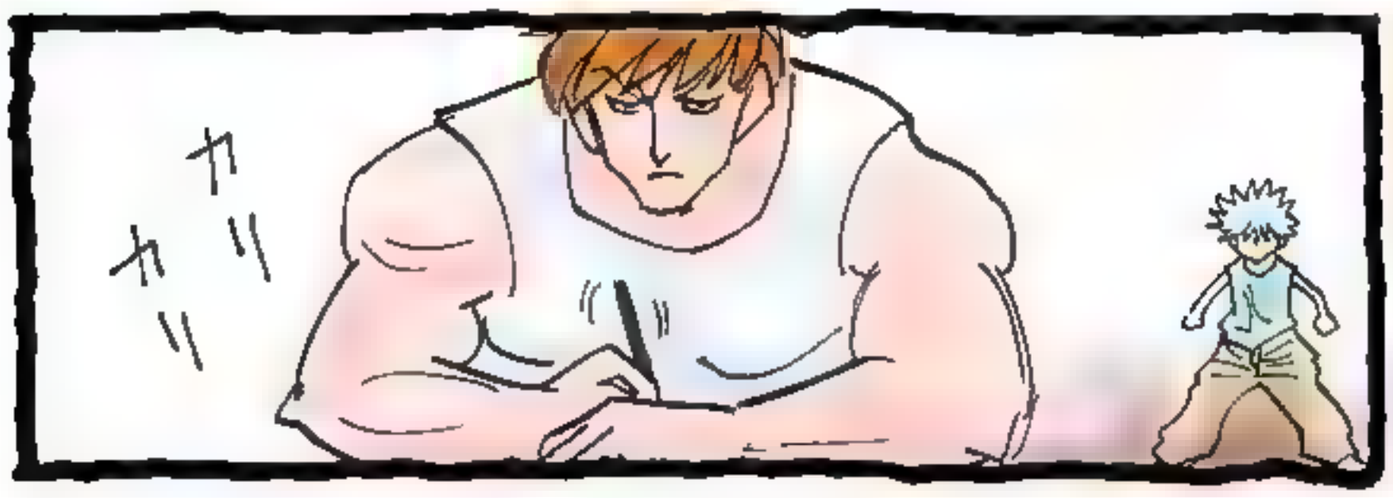


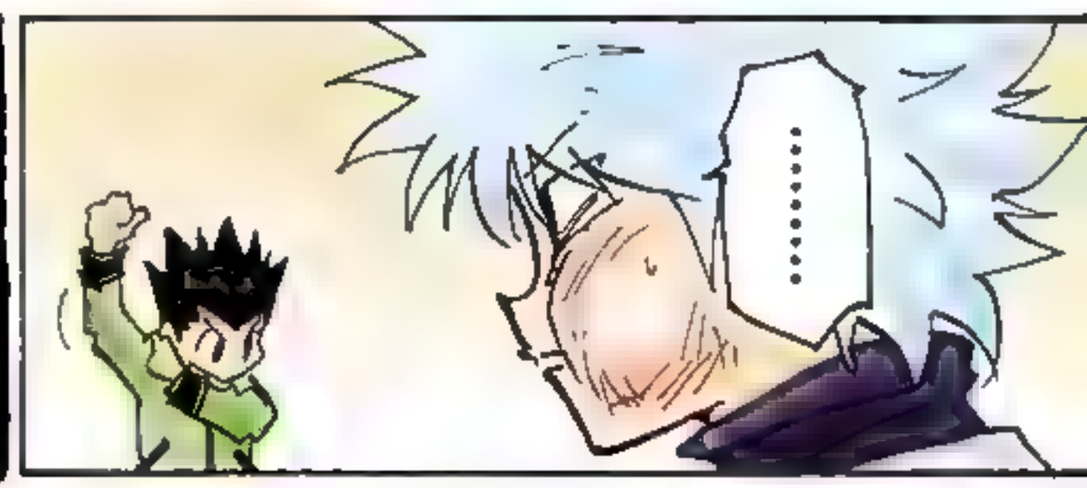


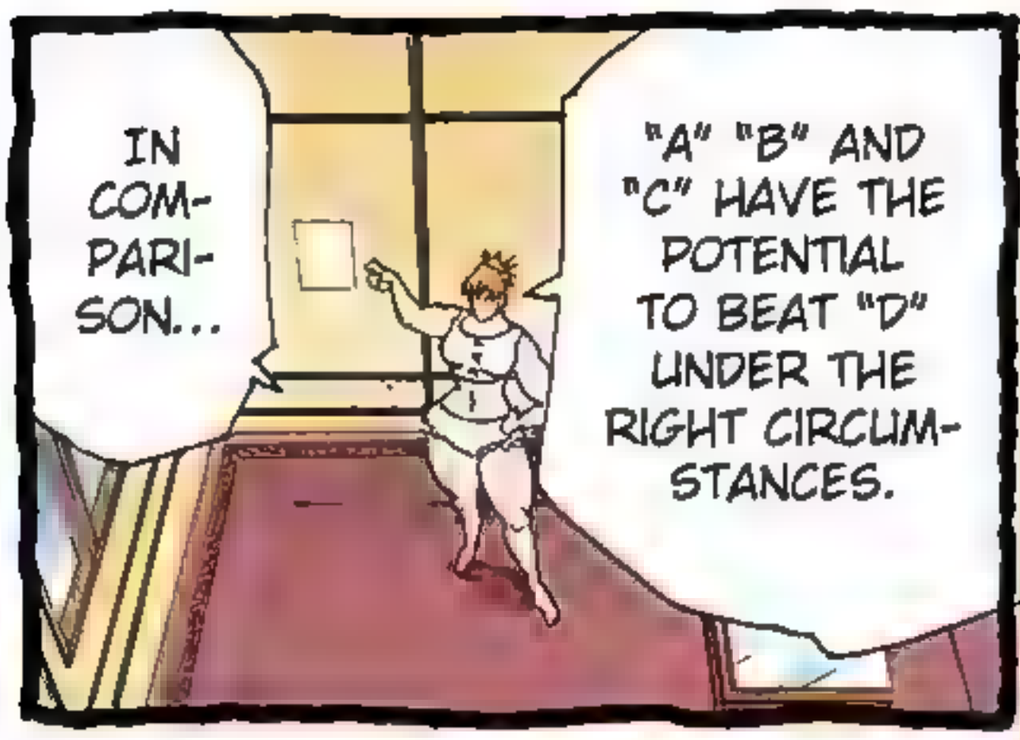


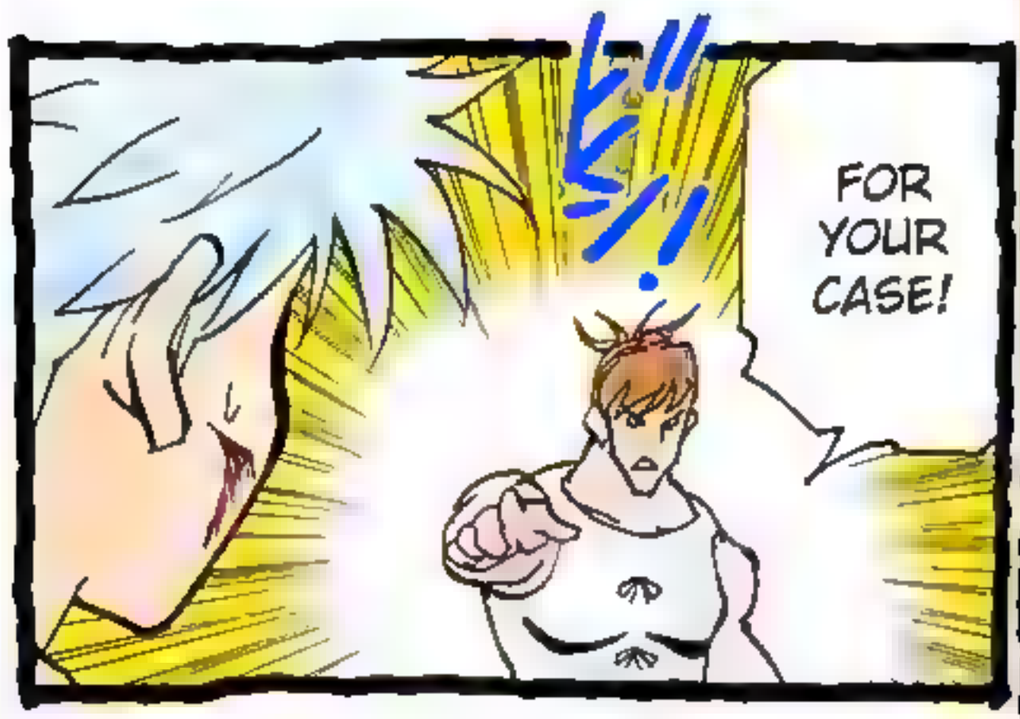


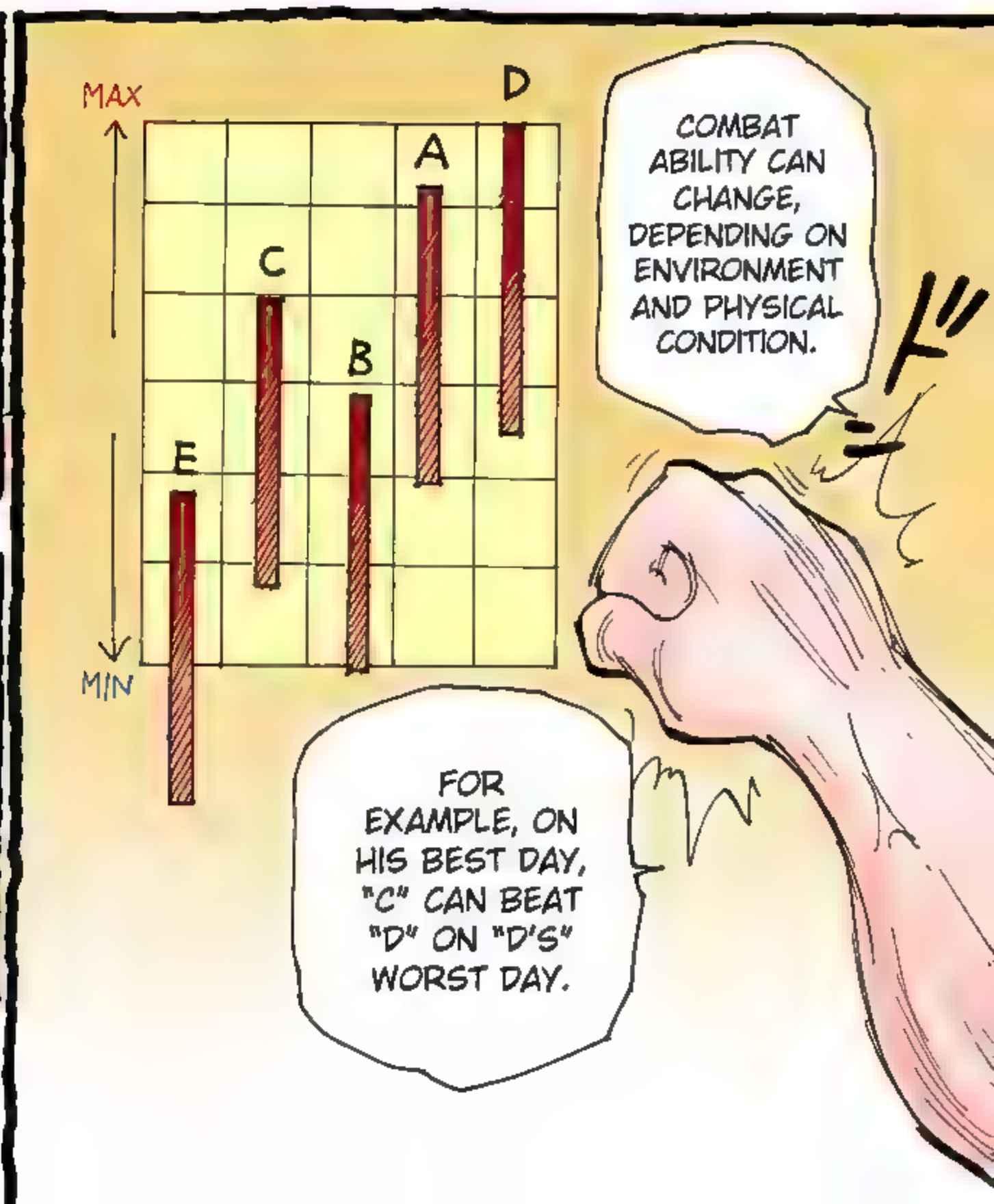
ONE DAY, YOU'LL LEAVE GON BEHIND TO DIE...!!









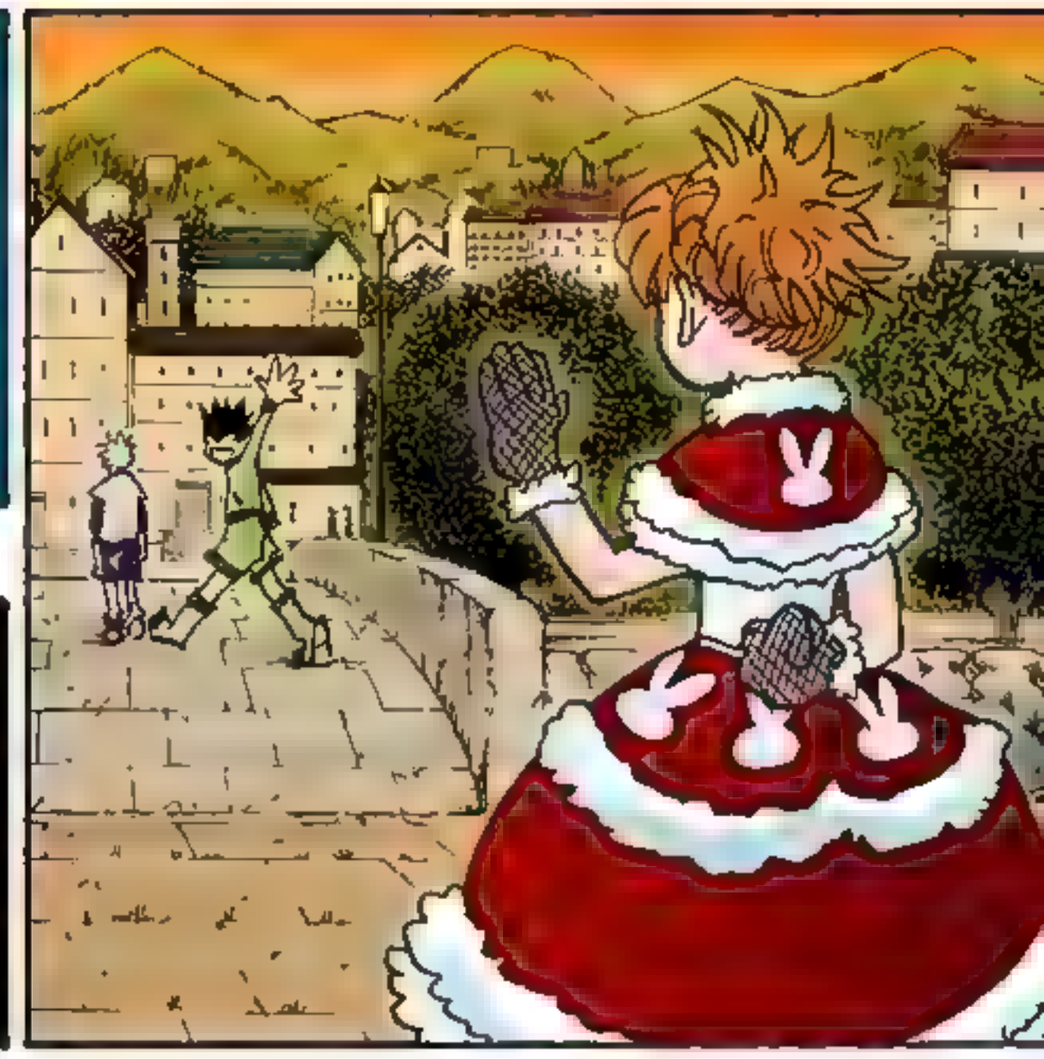


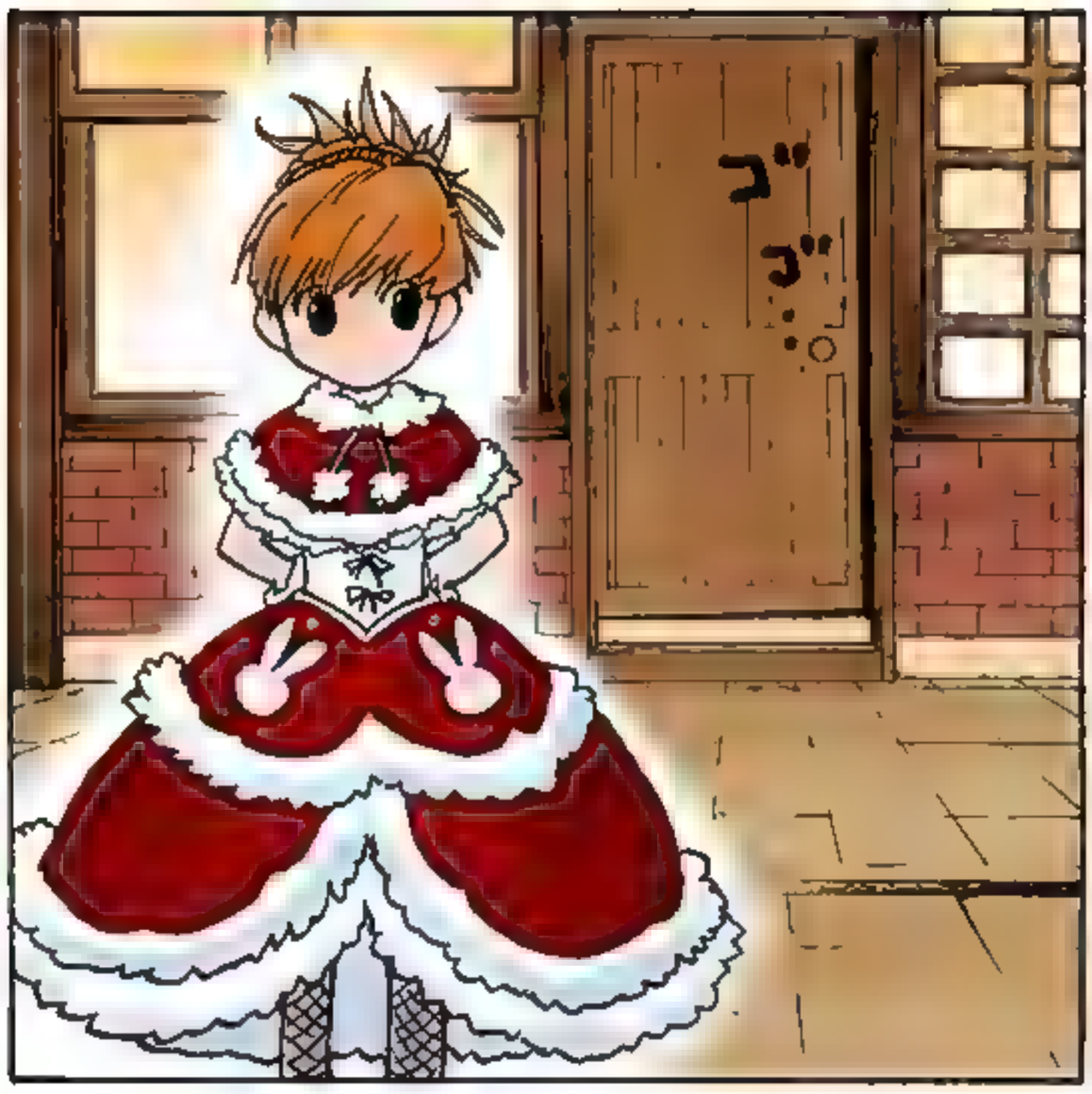
YOU ALWAYS ASSUME THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO!!
YOU ASSUME THE ENEMY IS ALWAYS AT THEIR MAX!!
YOU THINK, "HE'S PRETTY TOUGH" OR "IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS IF HE DOES THIS..."
EVEN WHEN FACING ENEMIES WITH EQUAL STRENGTH.
YOU THINK LIKE A LOSER.
ESCAPE IS YOUR ONLY OPTION.
UGH
BEYOND THAT, YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO WIN AT ALL.
YOU GIVE UP IF HE'S EVEN A TINY BIT BETTER THAN YOU.
...IF YOU CAN'T BEAT SHOOT...
SO FOR TOMORROW ...
...AND FORCE YOURSELF TO CHALLENGE SOMEONE MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU.
YOU NEED TO OVERCOME THIS BAD HABIT...

YOU MUST STAY OUT OF GON'S LIFE!!

YEAH!

LET'S GO.

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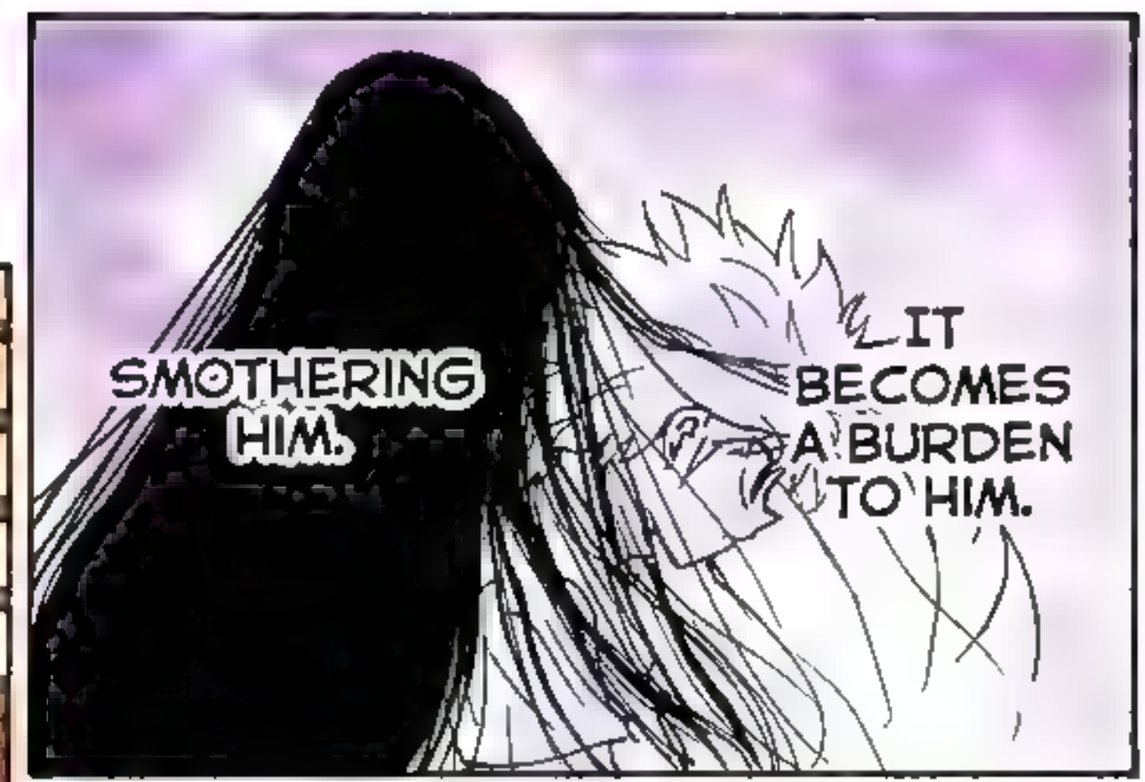
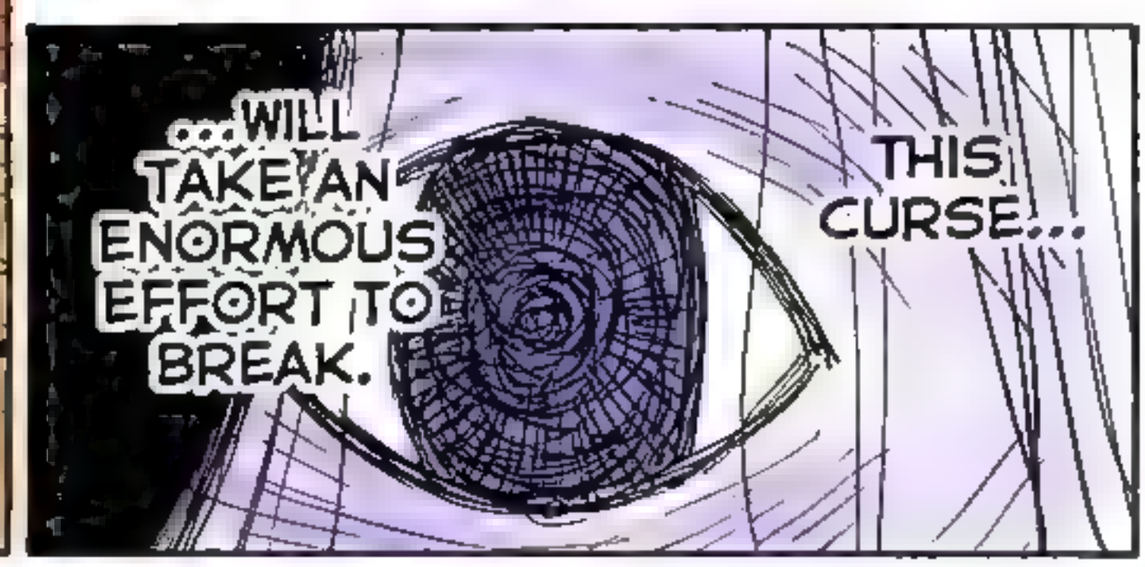
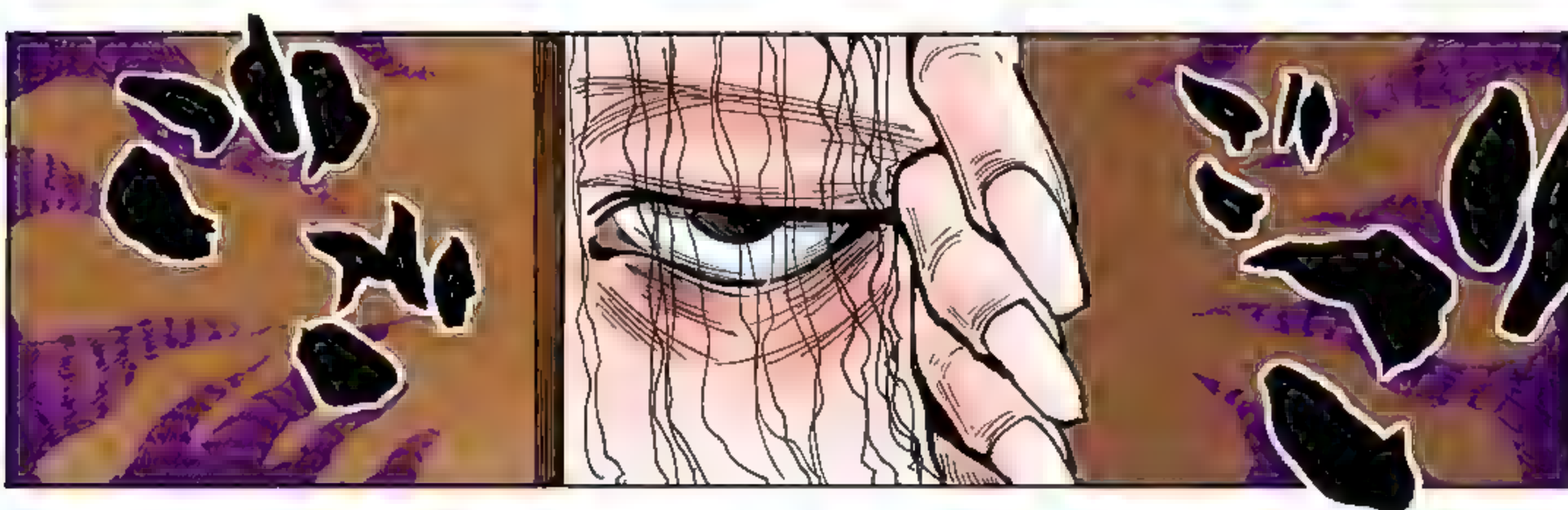
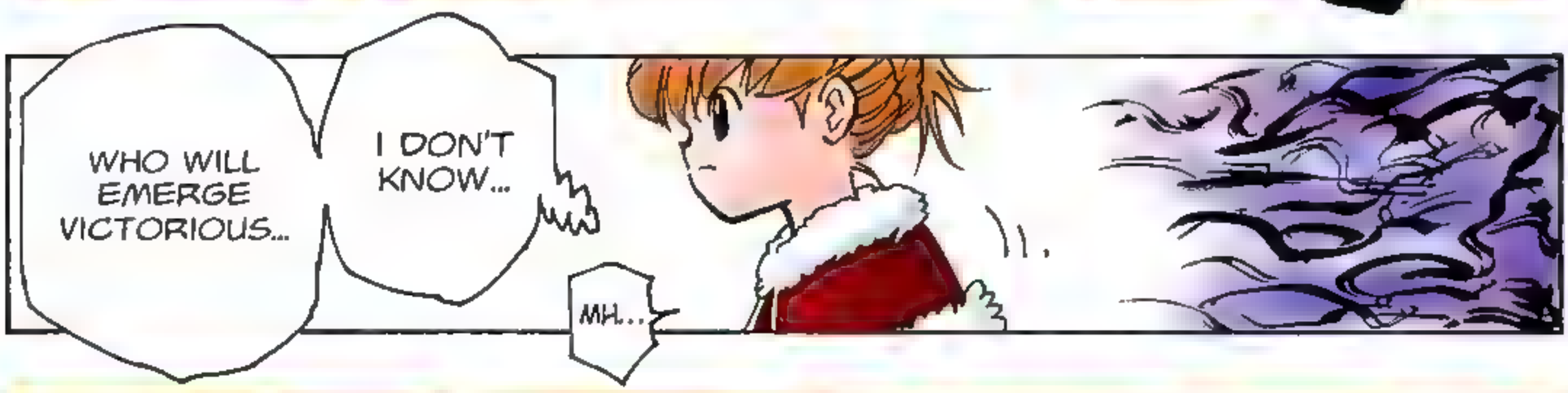

SMOTHERING HIM.
IT BECOMES A BURDEN TO HIM.


...WILL TAKE AN ENORMOUS EFFORT TO BREAK.
THIS CURSE...




WHO WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS...
I DON'T KNOW...
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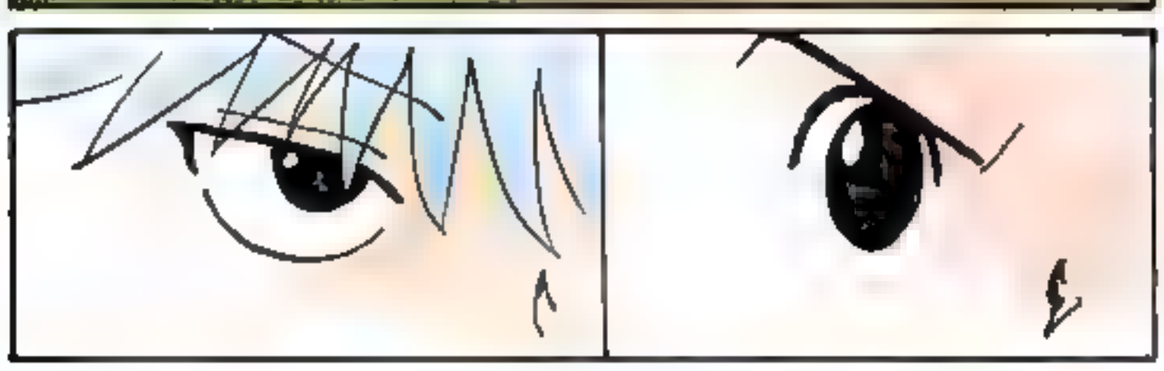
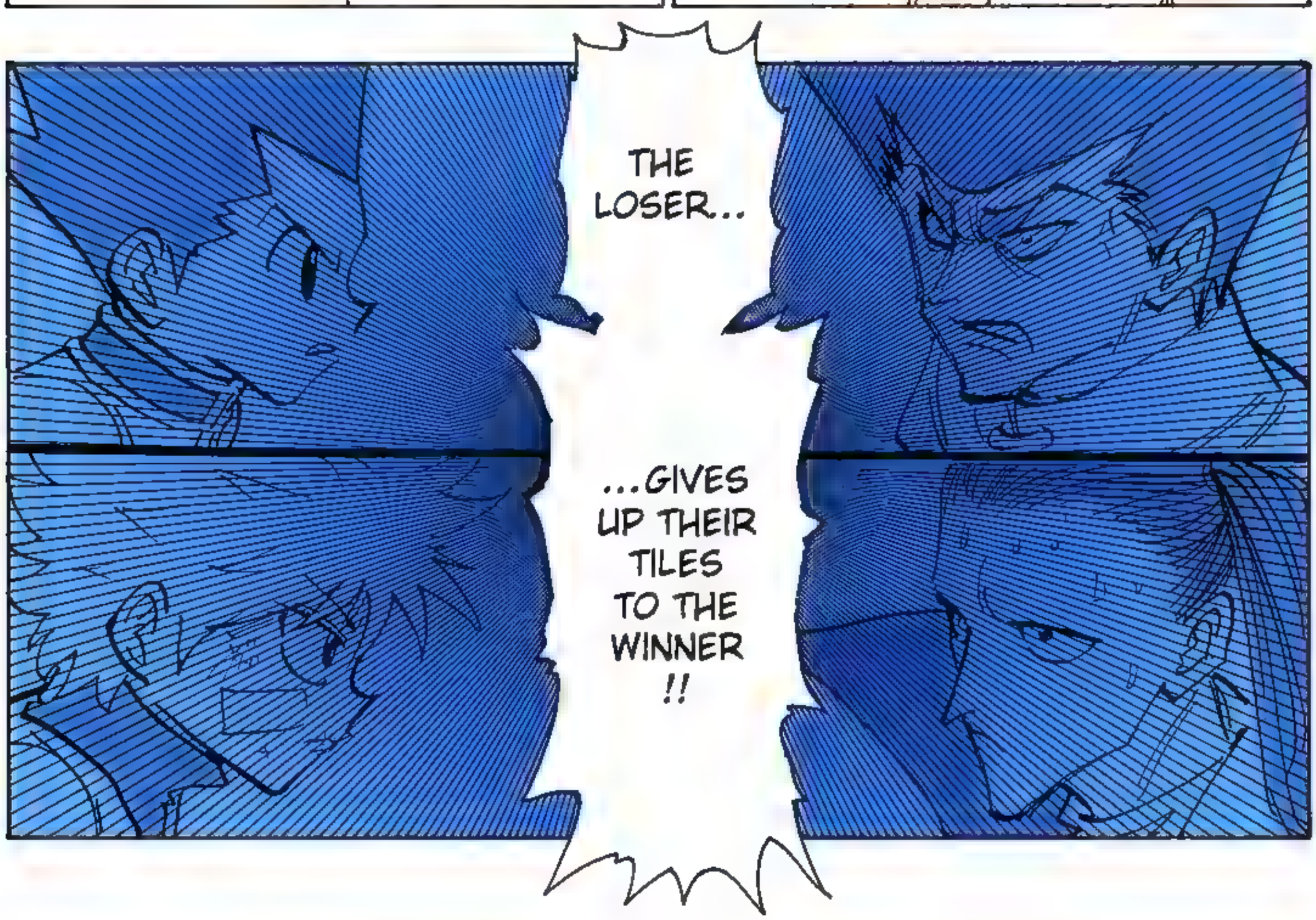
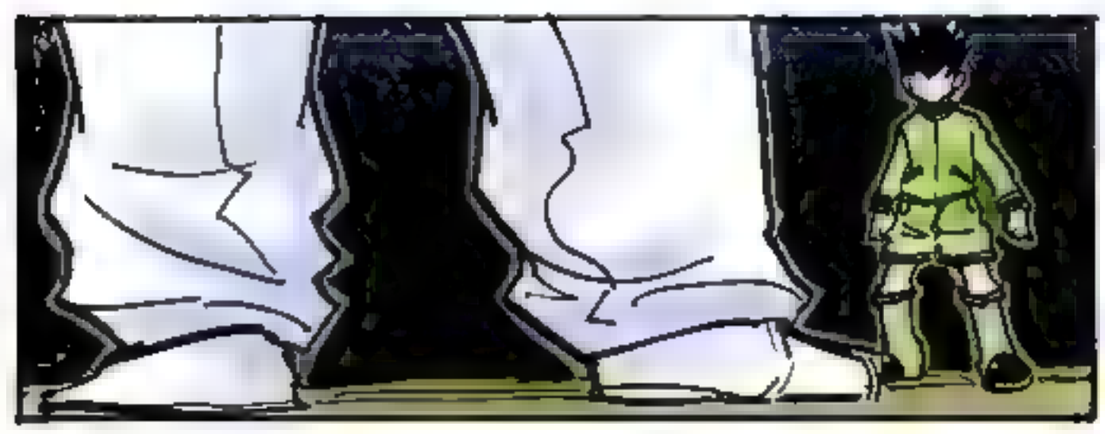
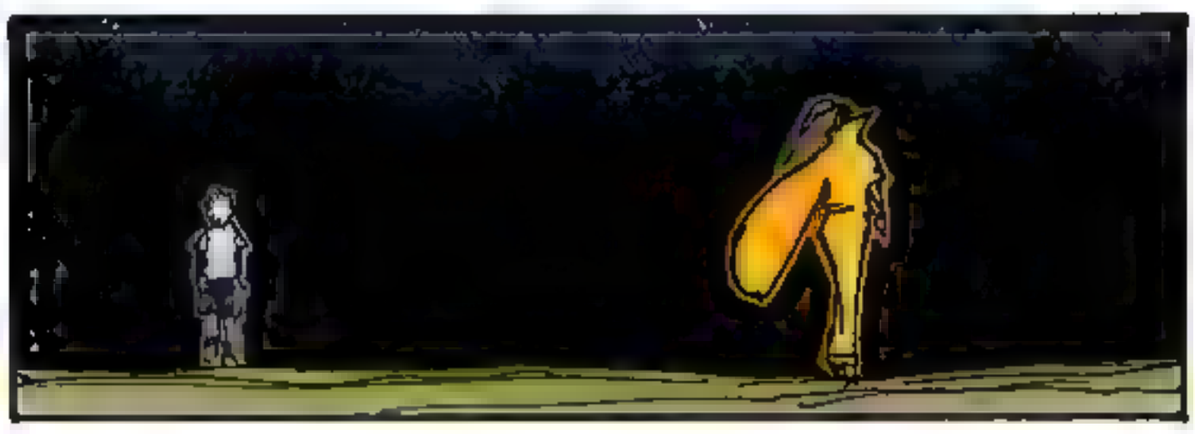
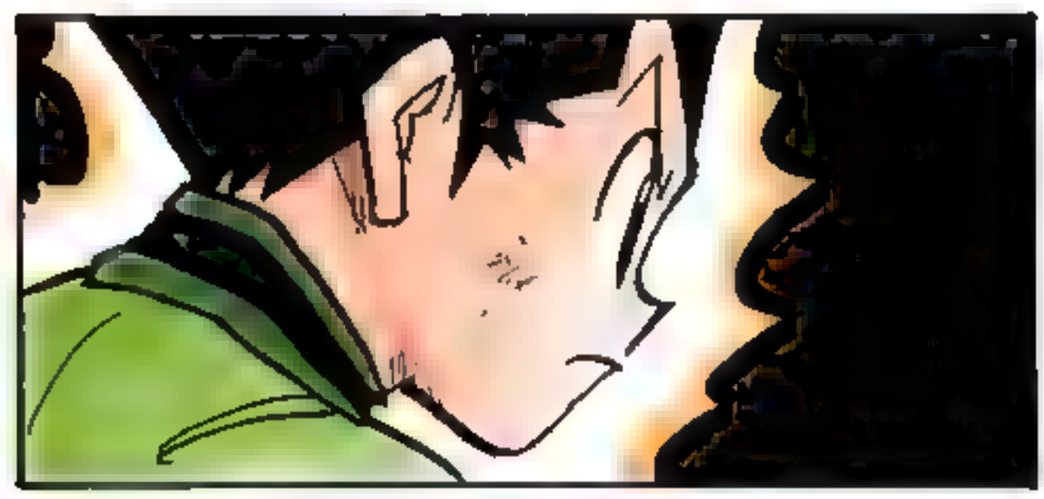
I'D BETTER MAKE A RUN FOR IT.



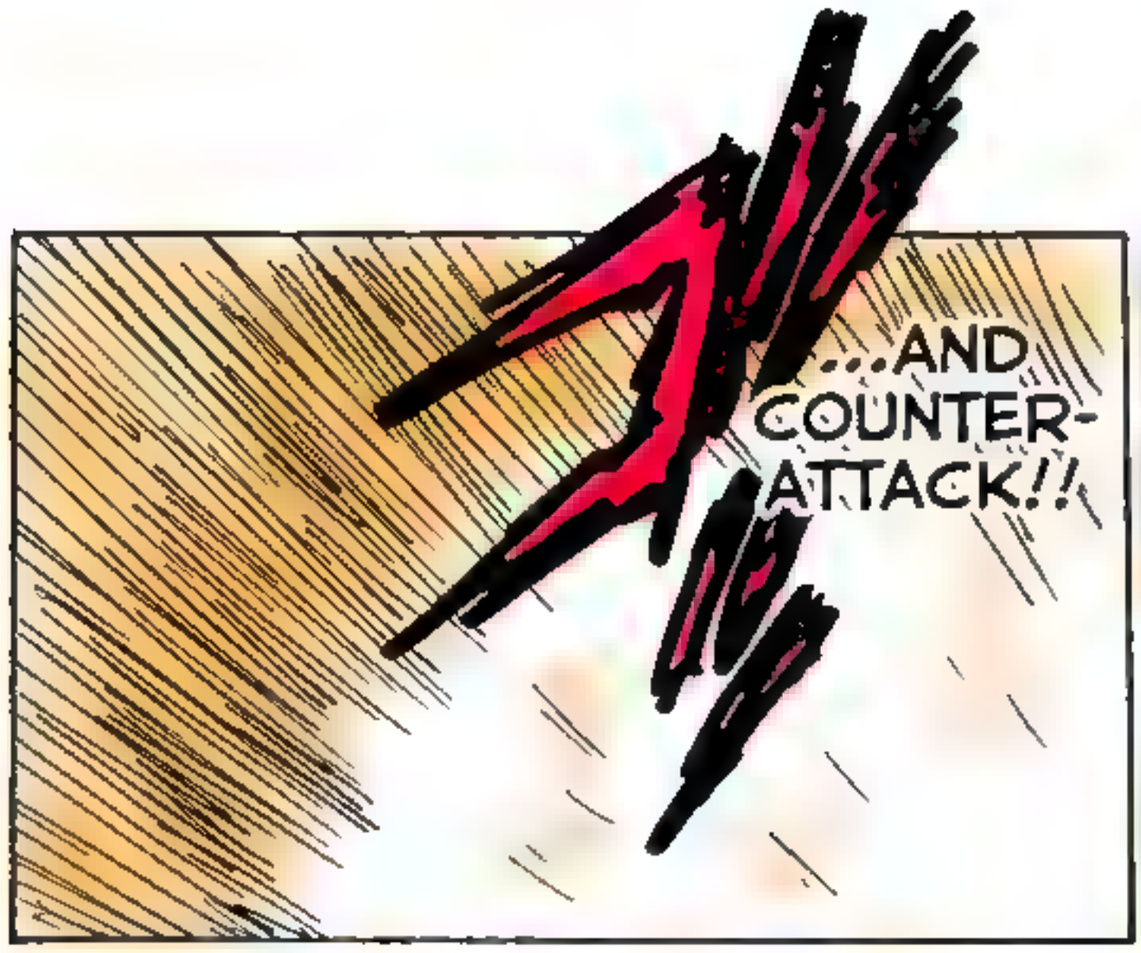

THE LOSER...
...GIVES UP THEIR TILES TO THE WINNER !!

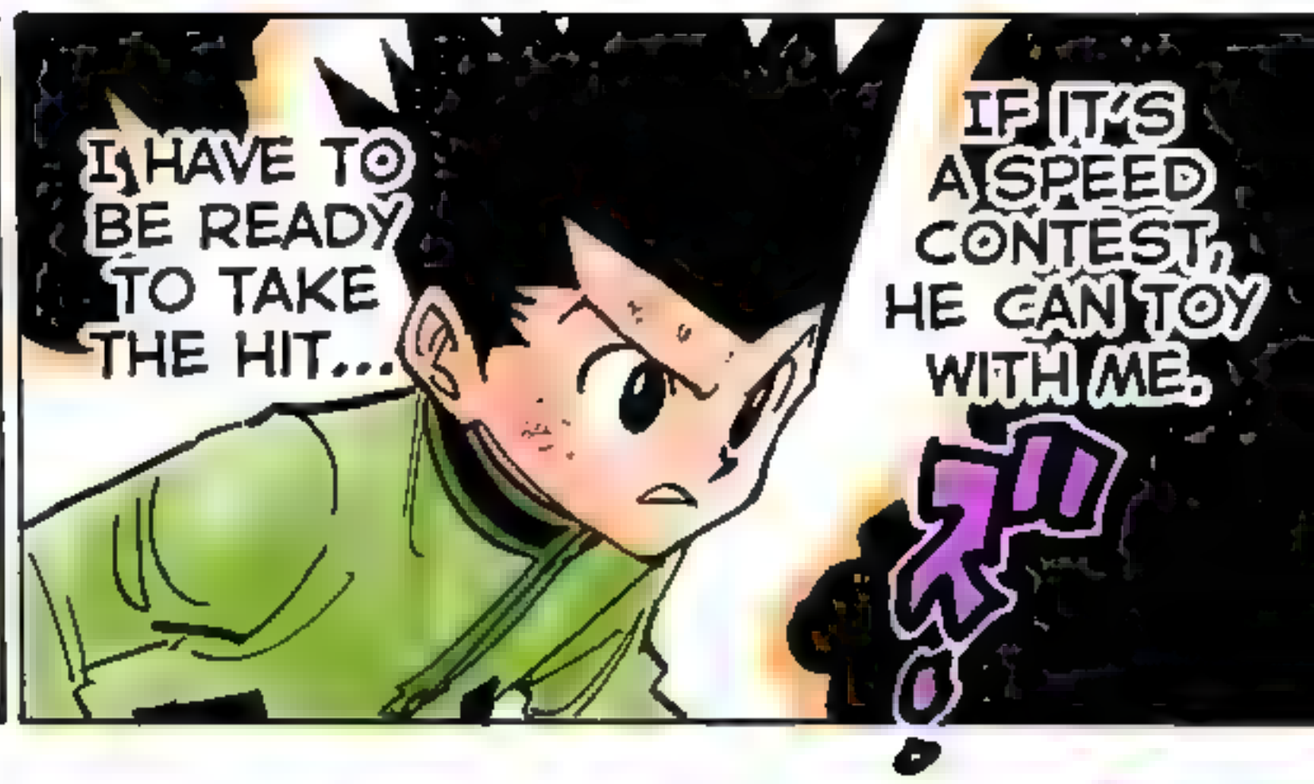






I'M GONNA GIVE IT MY ALL FROM THE GET-GO!!


...AND COUNTER-ATTACK!!


I HAVE TO BE READY TO TAKE THE HIT...
IF IT'S A SPEED CONTEST, HE CAN TOY WITH ME.

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I HAVE TO FEEL HIM...
DON'T FOLLOW HIM WITH SIGHT.
WITH MY AURA!

URGH
BUT I SENSED HIS APPROACH!!
A LITTLE LATE...
UMPH!
LIKE MY POWER IS BRIMMING THROUGH MY BODY?!
WHY DO I FEEL...
BUT WHAT'S GOING ON...?!

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YOU'VE ACCRUED INTEREST.
IT'S TIME.
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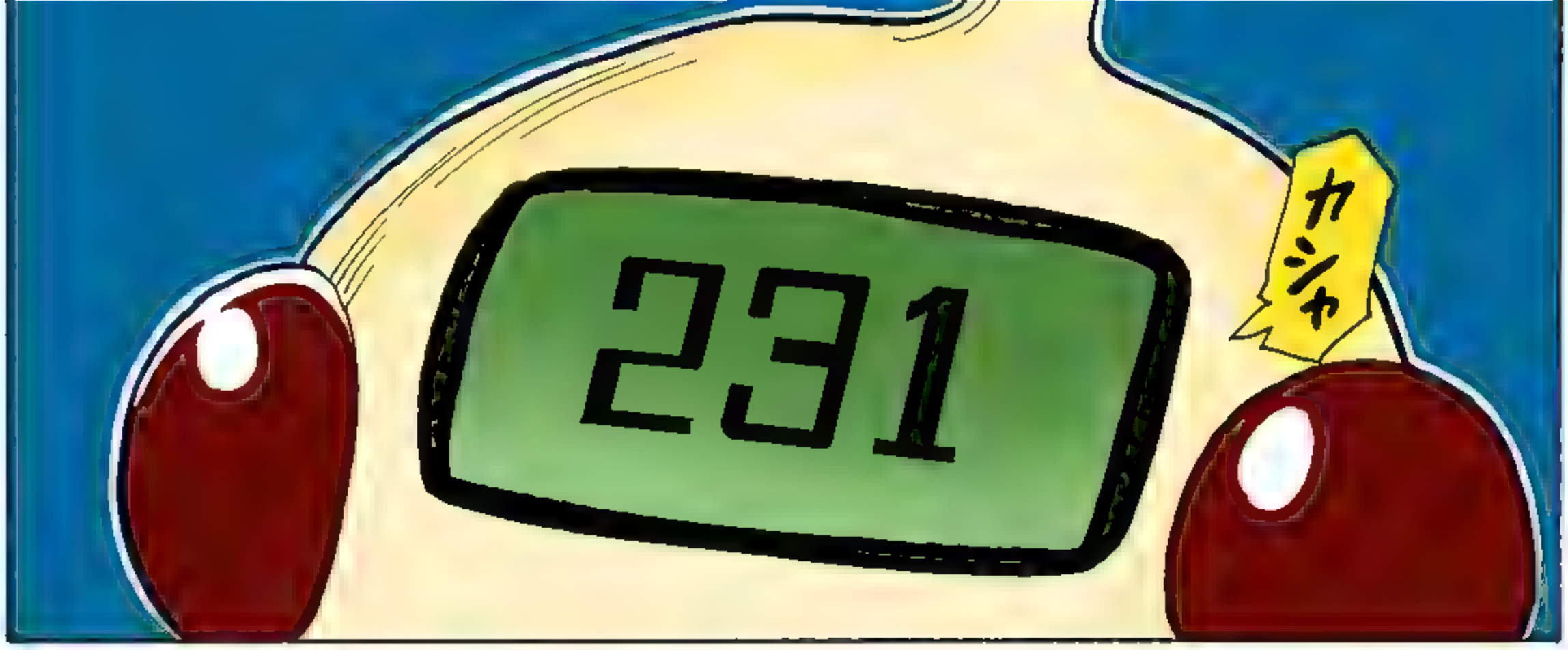
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WHAT IS THIS THING?!
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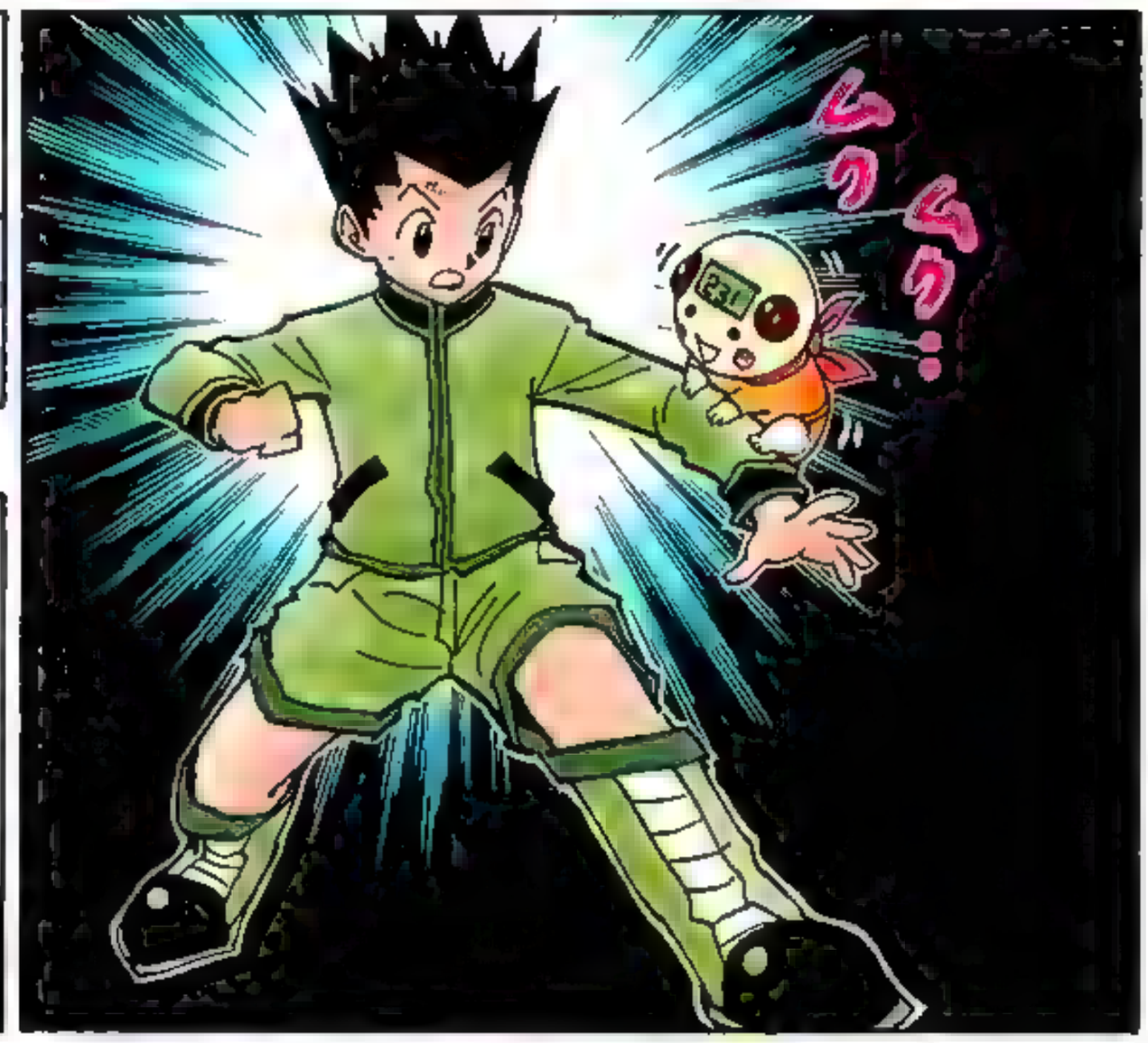
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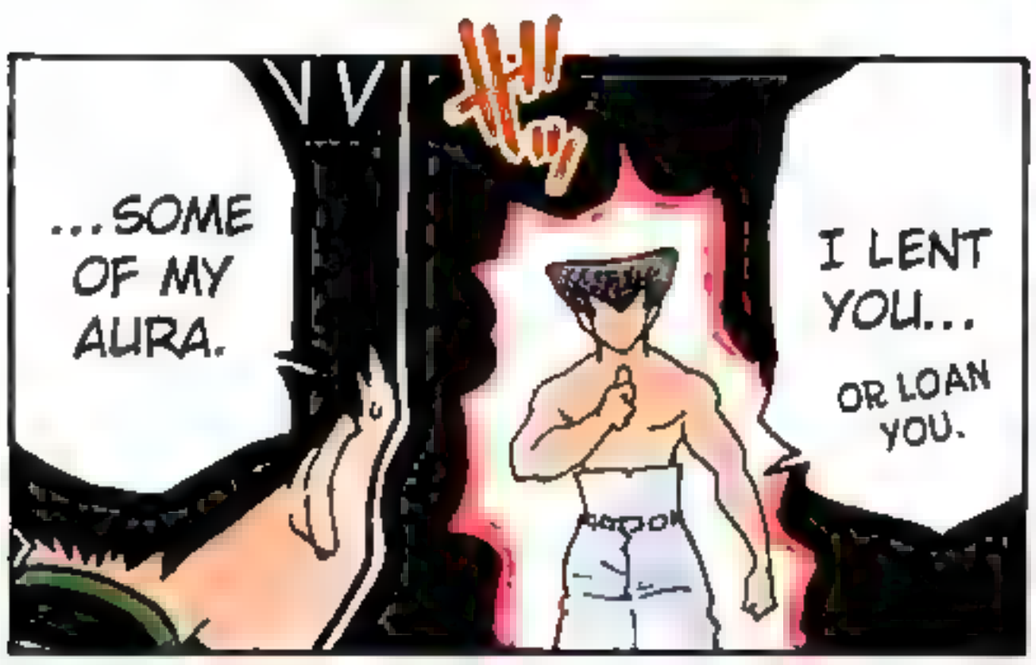
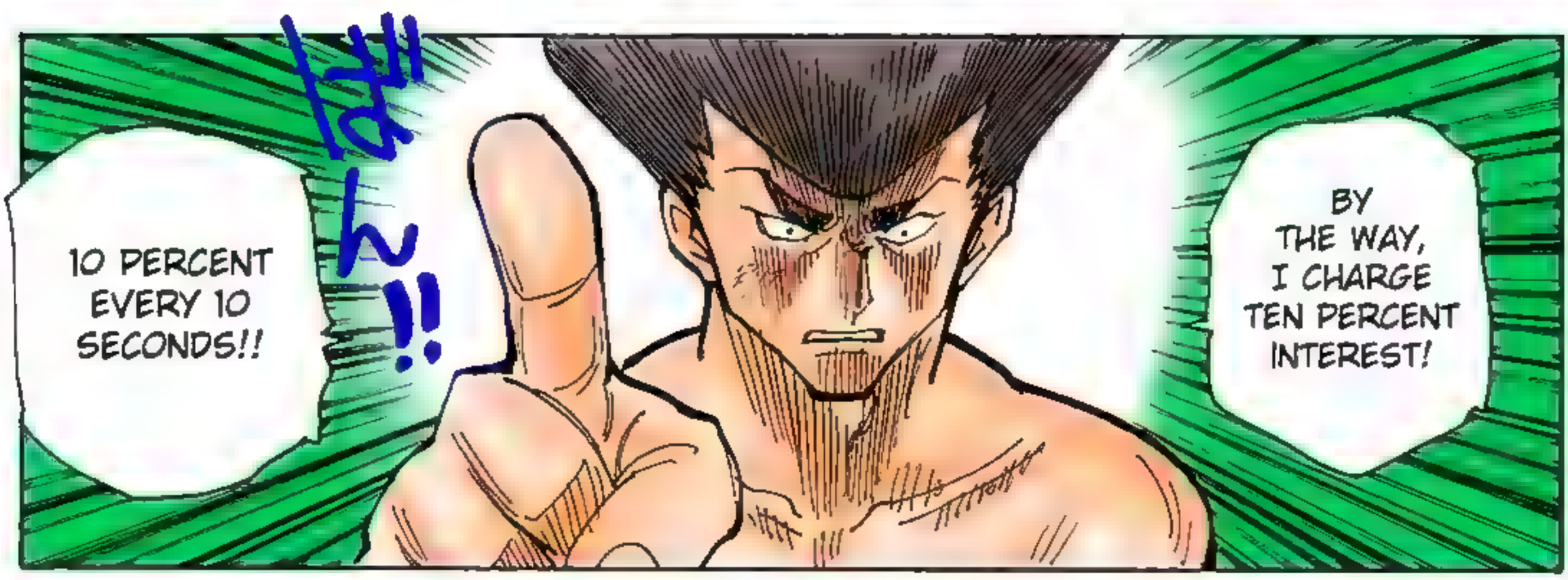

...SOME OF MY AURA.
I LENT YOU...
OR LOAN YOU.


10 PERCENT EVERY 10 SECONDS!!
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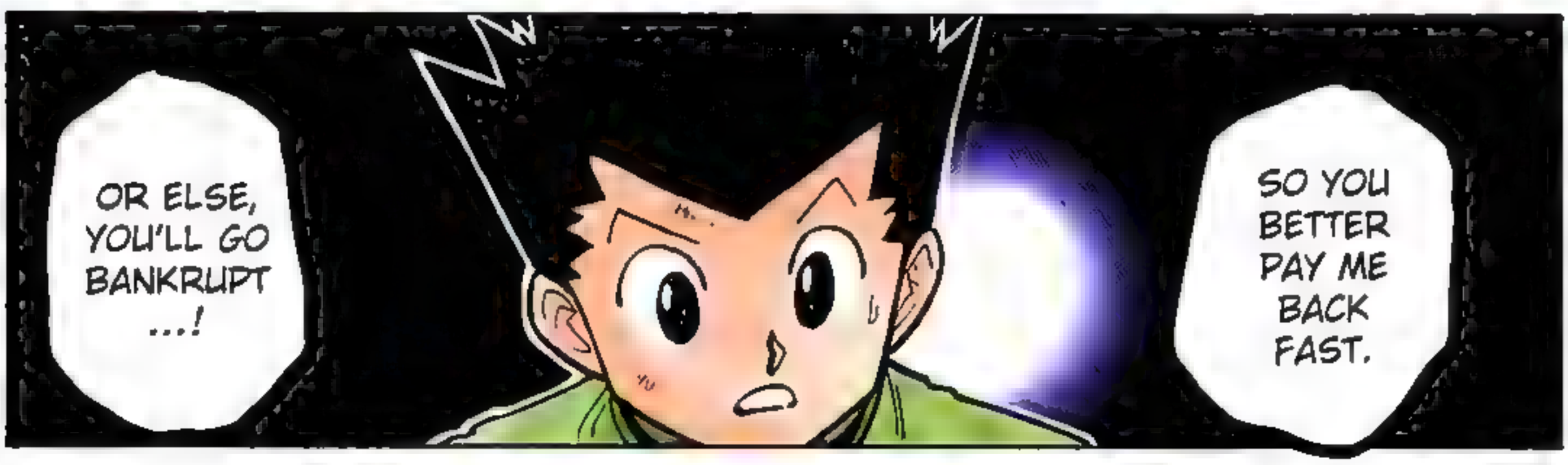
BY THE WAY, I CHARGE TEN PERCENT INTEREST!


OR ELSE, YOU'LL GO BANKRUPT ...!
SO YOU BETTER PAY ME BACK FAST.

YOU'VE ACCRUED INTEREST.

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IT'S TIME.

THIS IS MY ABILITY, "HAKOWARE: BANKRUPTCY, CHAPTER SEVEN"!!

THAT'S THE MASCOT, A.P.R: AMORTIZING POWER REDIRECTOR.

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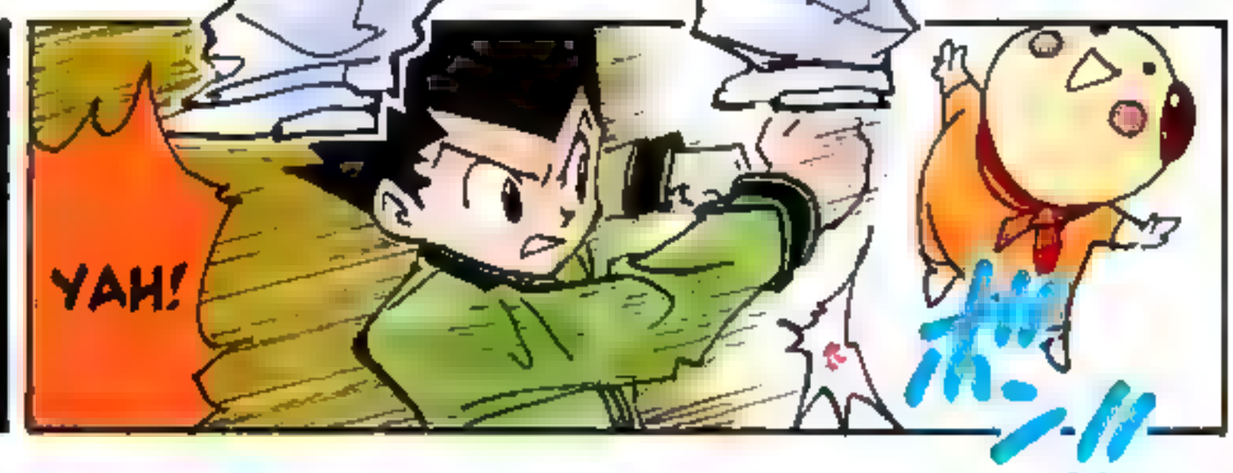

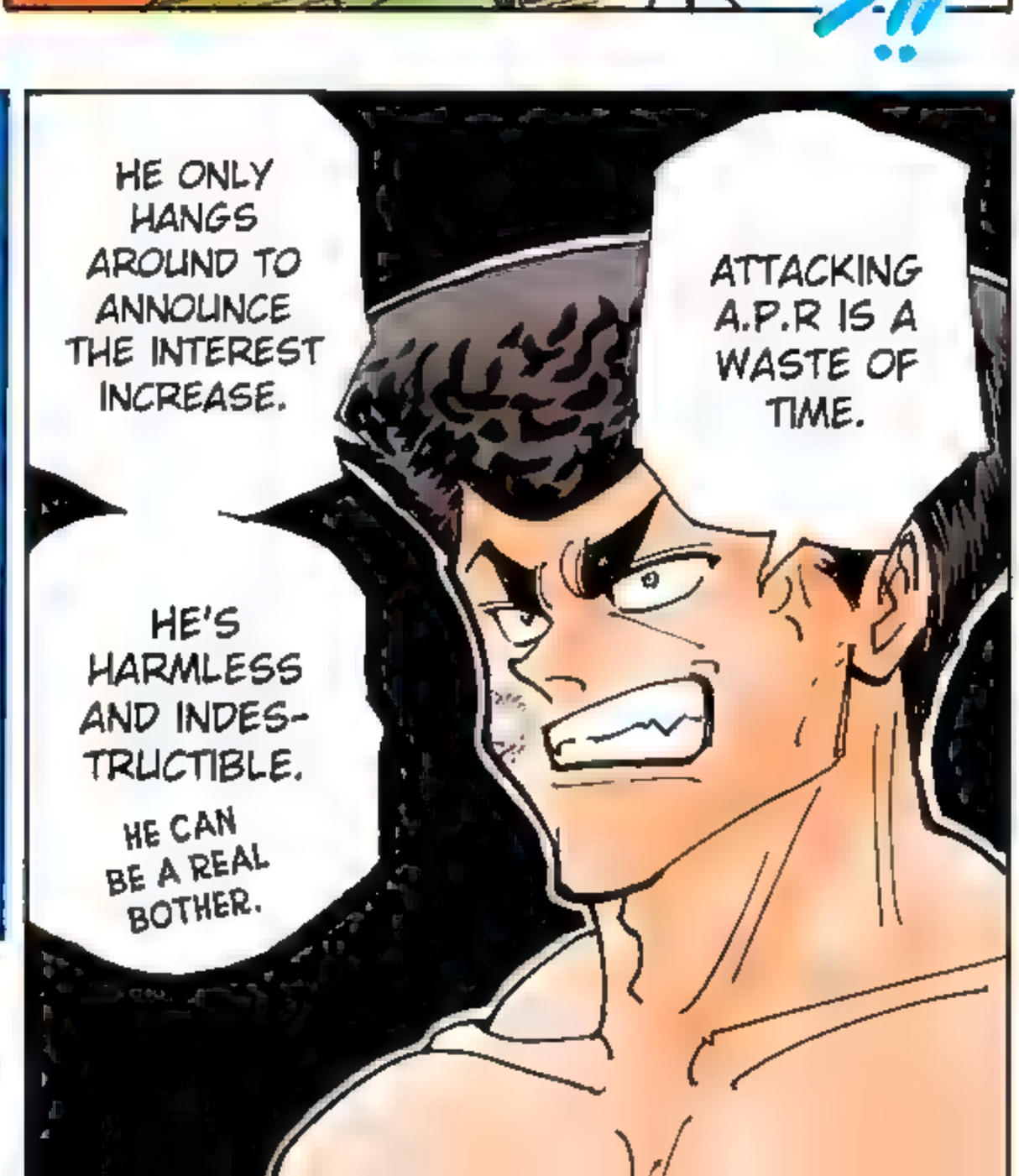

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UGH.
IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL.
AGAIN...
YOU'VE ACCRUED INTEREST.
IT'S TIME.
...I FEEL ANOTHER RUSH OF POWER!!
INSTEAD...

IT SUDDENLY ALMOST DOUBLED ?!

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WHAT DOES THIS NUMBER MEAN?

MAYBE FROM BEFORE.

180 AURA ...?!

ABOUT 180 AURA.

THAT'S BECAUSE I LENT YOU SOME.

180 AURA IS A NUMERICAL EXPRESSION OF LIFE ENERGY.

IT SEEMS YOU HAVE NO CLUE AS TO WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

...IT PUTS YOU AT A HUGE DISADVANTAGE. YOU GET IT NOW, PUNK?!

IN OTHER WORDS YOUR P.O.P (PRESENT OUTPUT POTENTIAL), THE LATENT AURA INSIDE YOU, DOESN'T MATTER. IF YOU TRAINED TO INCREASE YOUR A.O.P (ACTUALIZED OUTPUT POTENTIAL), THE AMOUNT OF AURA YOU CAN ACTUALLY RELEASE...

1,000 AURA

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200 AURA

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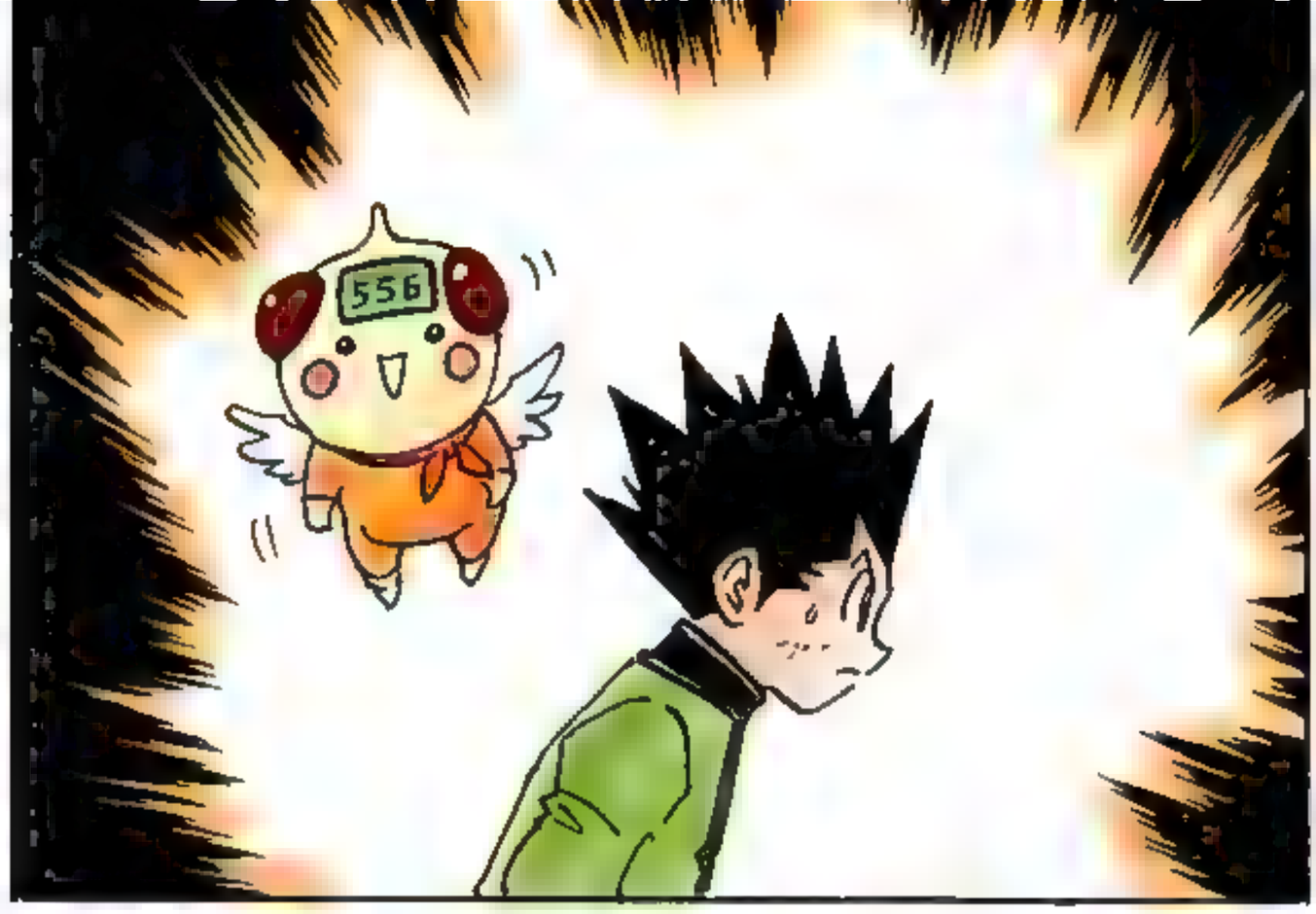
5000 AURA

A

10,000 AURA

AURA ACCUMULATES IN THE BODY, AND YOUR MAXIMUM AURA OUTPUT POTENTIAL VARIES ACCORDING TO YOUR TRAINING.

ALSO, THERE IS A LIMIT ON HOW MUCH AURA YOU'RE ABLE TO RELEASE AT ONCE! WHICH CAN BE RAISED THROUGH TRAINING.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...FOR 1,800 AURA AROUND YOUR BODY!!
WHEN YOU USE "KEN", YOU CAN SUSTAIN A MAX OF AOP...

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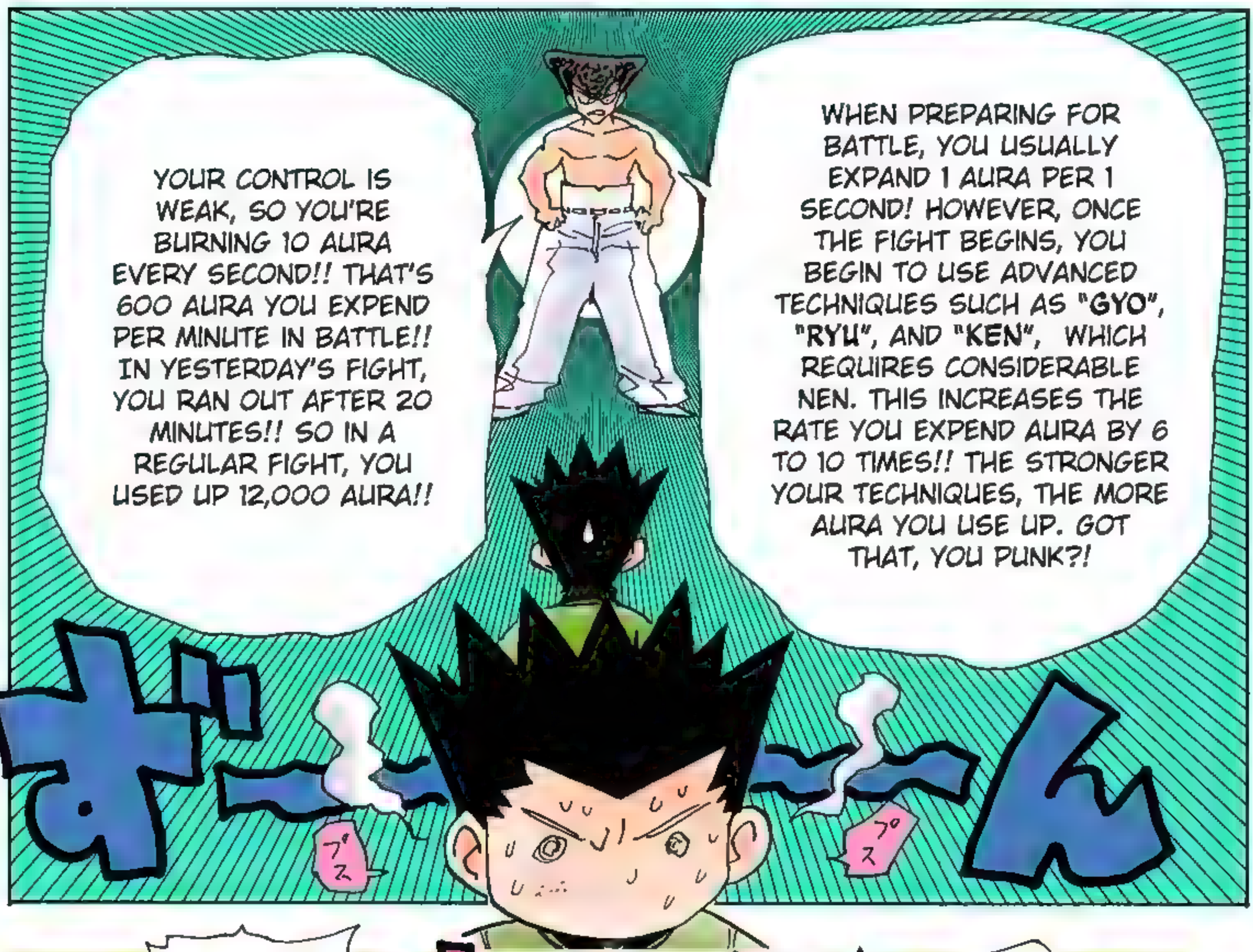
YOUR CONTROL IS WEAK, SO YOU'RE BURNING 10 AURA EVERY SECOND!! THAT'S 600 AURA YOU EXPEND PER MINUTE IN BATTLE!! IN YESTERDAY'S FIGHT, YOU RAN OUT AFTER 20 MINUTES!! SO IN A REGULAR FIGHT, YOU USED UP 12,000 AURA!!
WHEN PREPARING FOR BATTLE, YOU USUALLY EXPAND 1 AURA PER 1 SECOND! HOWEVER, ONCE THE FIGHT BEGINS, YOU BEGIN TO USE ADVANCED TECHNIQUES SUCH AS "GYO", "RYU", AND "KEN", WHICH REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE NEN. THIS INCREASES THE RATE YOU EXPEND AURA BY 6 TO 10 TIMES!! THE STRONGER YOUR TECHNIQUES, THE MORE AURA YOU USE UP. GOT THAT, YOU PUNK?!
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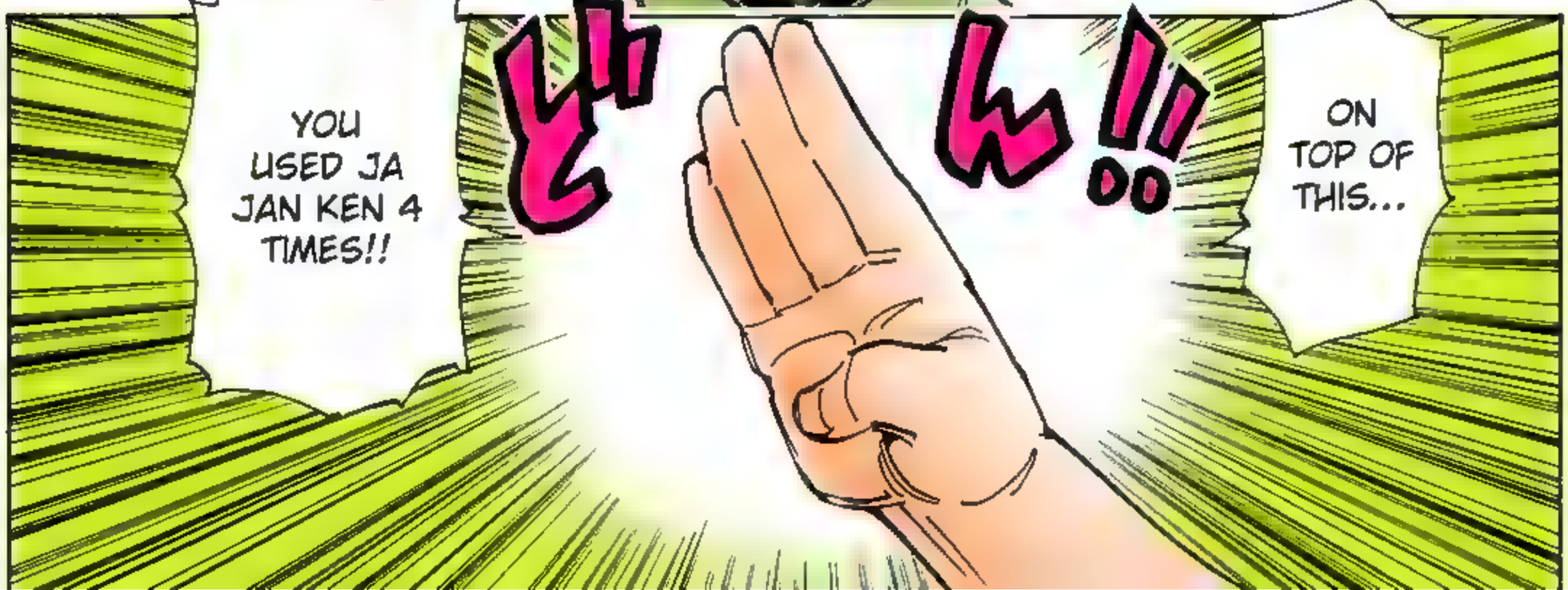
YOU USED JA JAN KEN 4 TIMES!!
ON TOP OF THIS...
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A SPECIAL PROVISION COVERS SUCH RISKS ATTRIBUTED TO SPECIAL ATTACKS!!

THAT'S DUE TO ITS LONG WINDUP AND YOUR DEFENSIVE SACRIFICE, FOCUSING ALL YOUR AURA INTO YOUR FIST.

BUT AT THE MOMENT YOU CALL OUT "JAN!!" TO ACTIVATE JA JAN KEN...

YOUR A.O.P IS AROUND 1,800 AURA.

THE AURA FOCUSED IN YOUR FIST WAS OVER 2,000!!

THAT'S THE AMOUNT YOU SPENT USING JA JAN KEN.

THE FIRST THREE ATTEMPTS CONSUMED 5,500 ARUA!!

AS FOR THE FOURTH SHOT, RIGHT BEFORE YOUR "ROUND 2" HIT, YOU RAN OUT OF ENERGY...!!

THAT PUTS YOUR TOTAL CONSUMED AURA AT 17,500!!

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(WHICH IS STILL SCARY TO THINK ABOUT)THE FOURTH SHOT REQUIRED 4,000 AURA!!

ASSUMING THAT YOU NEEDED TWICE THE USUAL AURA AMOUNT TO COMPLETE THE ATTACK...

THUS, YOUR MAXIMUM PRESENT OUTPUT POTENTIAL IS...

THE AMOUNT OF AURA USED UP IS THE SAME FOR ROCK AND PAPER!! HOWEVER, PAPER FALLS INTO A DIFFERENT CATEGORY, AND YOU HAVEN'T PRACTICED MUCH, SO YOU USED UP (ABOUT A 500-AURA ATTACK) THAT PROBABLY ONLY HAD THE STRENGTH OF 4,000 AURA ON A WEAK ATTACK!!

AROUND 21,500 AURA!!

I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS KIND OF ATTACK ...!!

UGH...

WELL, I'M JUST GETTING STARTED! SO LISTEN UP, PUNK!!

HEHEHE! SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT MATH.

BUT THE INTEREST KEEPS ACCUMULATING!!

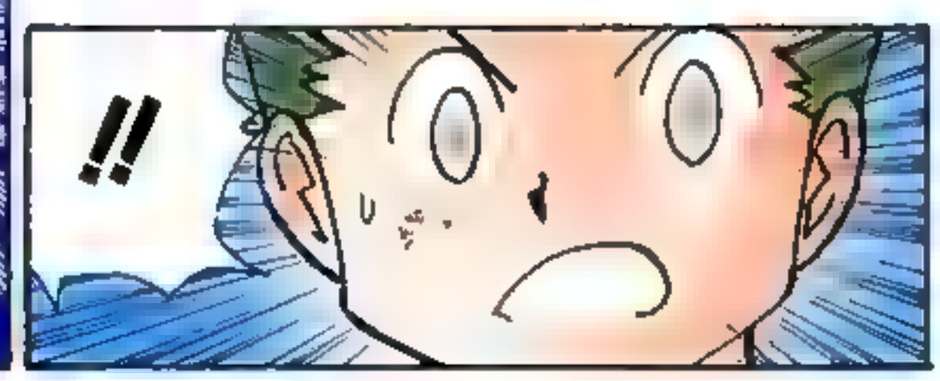
AURA WORKS LIKE A BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE!! IF YOU KEEP SPENDING, YOUR BALANCE DECREASES...

YOU'VE USED UP AT LEAST 2,000 AURA.

IT'S BEEN A FEW MINUTES SINCE WE STARTED.

WHEN YOUR BORROWED AURA (INCLUDING INTEREST), SURPASSES YOUR CURRENT REMAINING PRESENT OUTPUT POTENTIAL...

...YOU'LL BUST!!



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THIS IS HOW "DEBT SNOWBALLS" INCREASES OUT OF CONTROL.

TIME	LOAN	10% INTEREST
10	505	51
20	556	56
30	612	61
40	673	67
50	740	74
60	814	81
70	895	90
80	985	99
90	1084	108
100	1192	119
110	1311	131
120	1442	144

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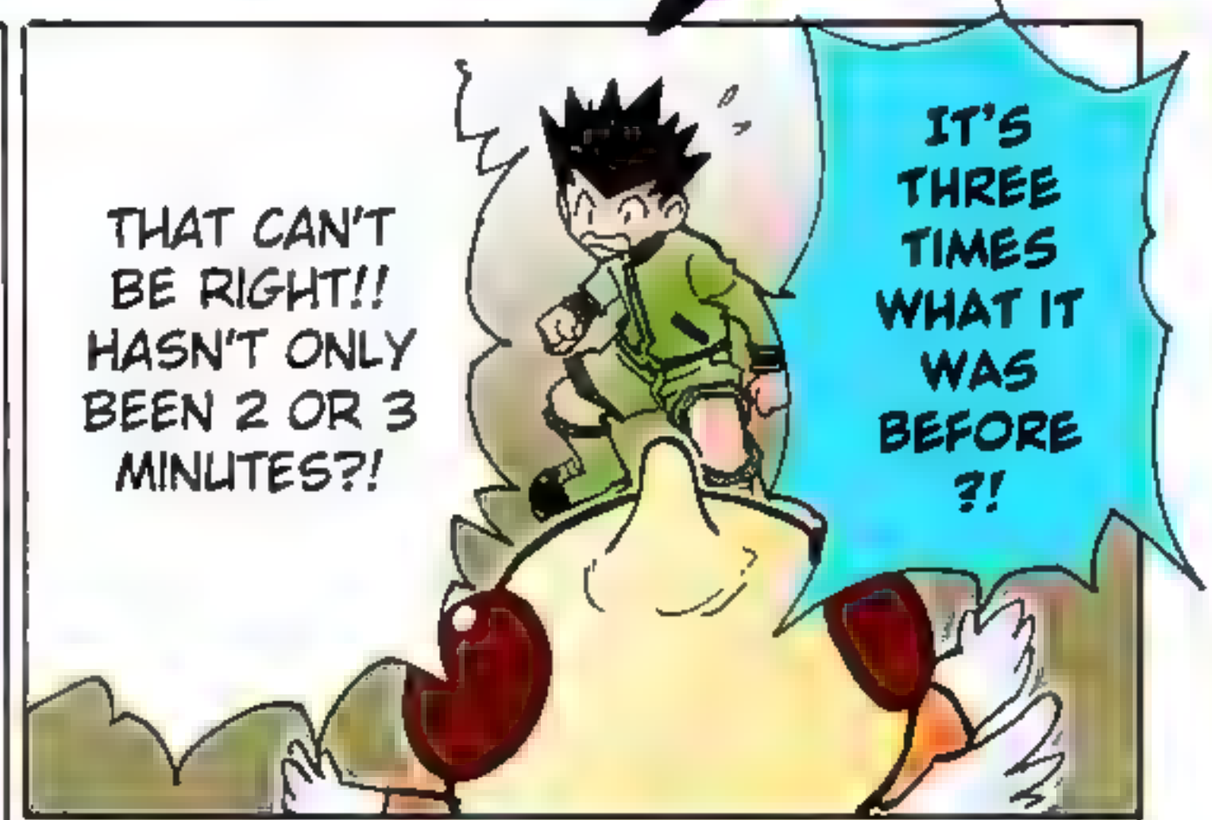

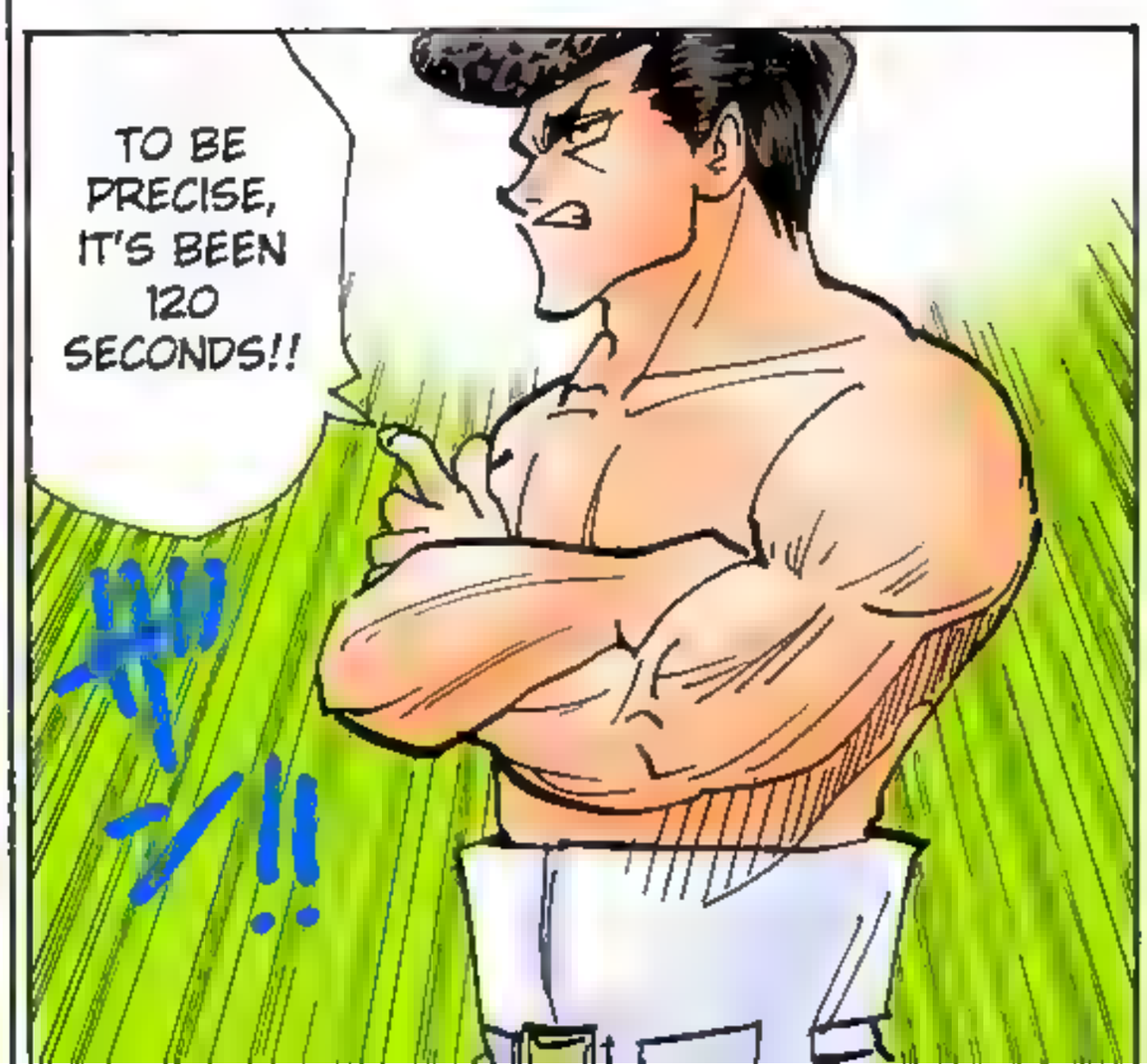

YOUR DEBT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW.

EVEN AFTER ADDING IN THE 390 AURA I'VE LENT YOU, YOU'RE UNDER 20,000.

EVEN IF YOU STAND PERFECTLY STILL...

YOU'VE ACCRUED INTEREST.

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IT'S TIME.

UGH.

...YOU'LL GO BANK-RUPT!!

IN 260 SECONDS, OR 4 MINUTES AND 20 SECONDS EXACTLY...

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO?

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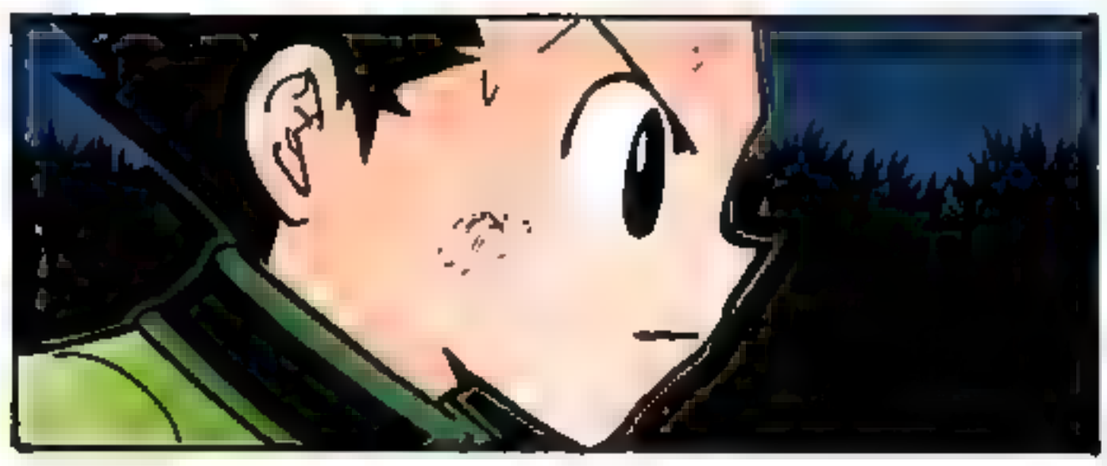
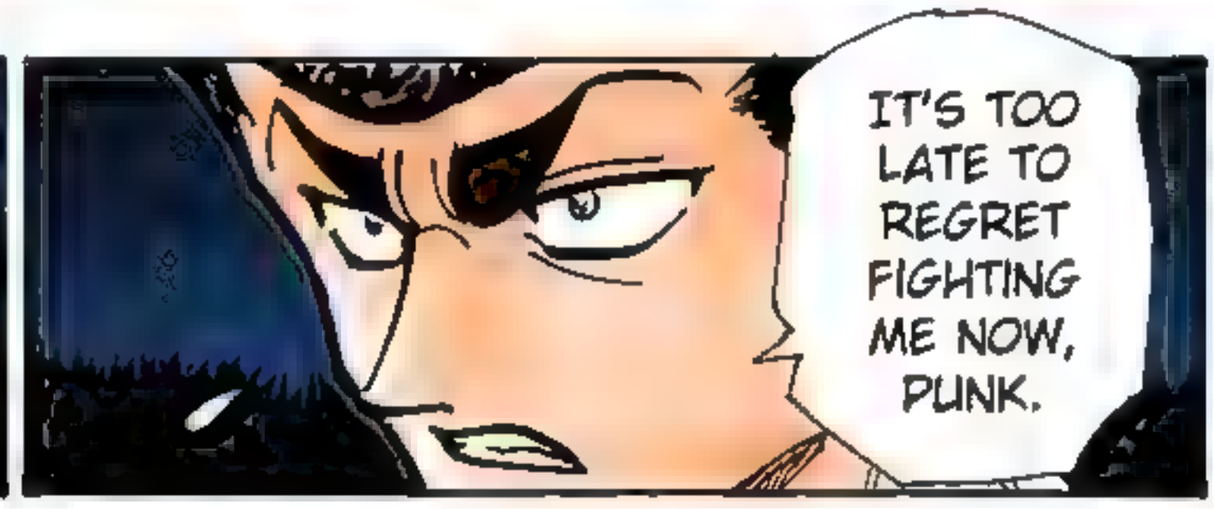
AND IT'LL SPEND 30 DAYS HAUNTING THE DEBTOR.

A.P.R TRANSFORMS INTO I.R.S: INDIVIDUAL REN SUPPRESSOR!!

BASICALLY, YOU'LL BE UNABLE TO USE ANY NEN!!

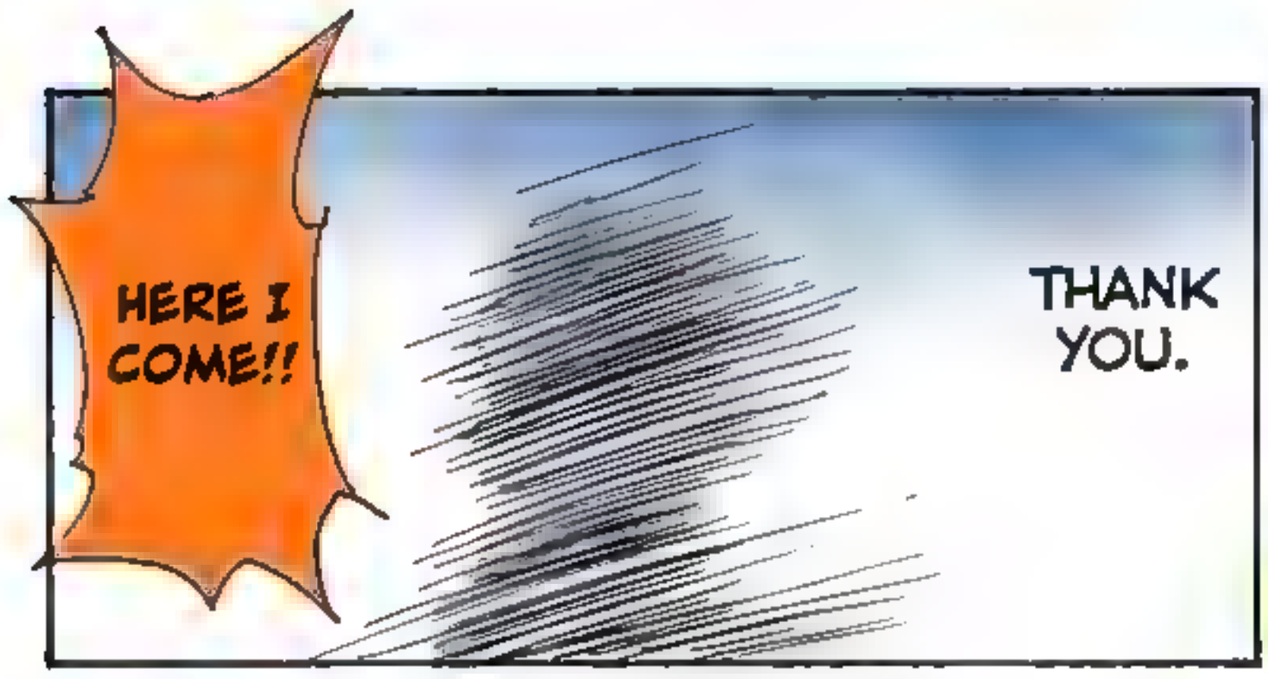
DURING THAT TIME, THE TARGET WILL BE FORCED TO REMAIN IN A STATE OF "ZETSU".

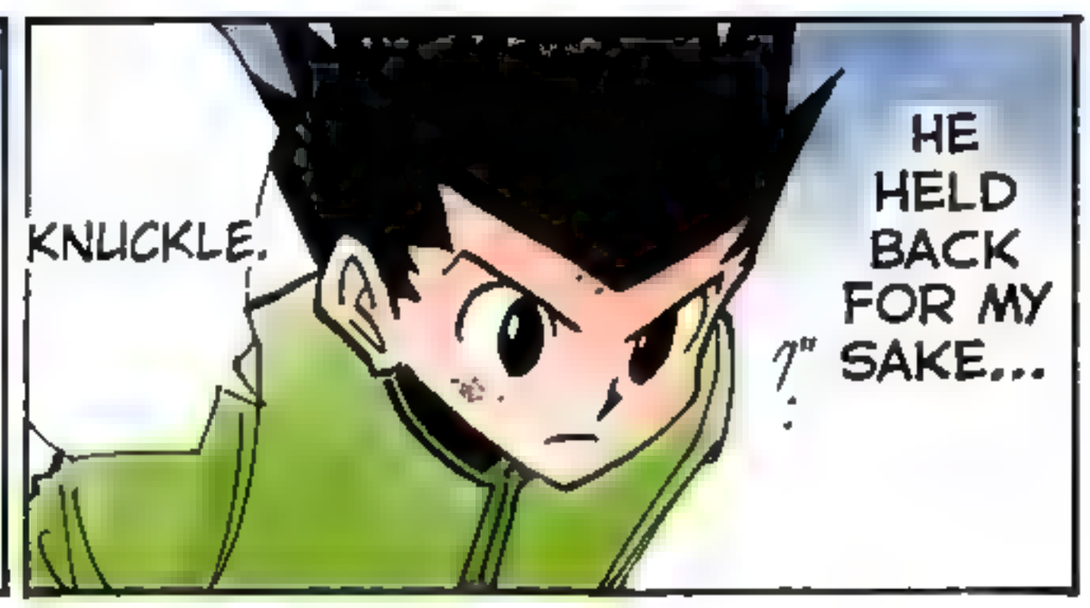


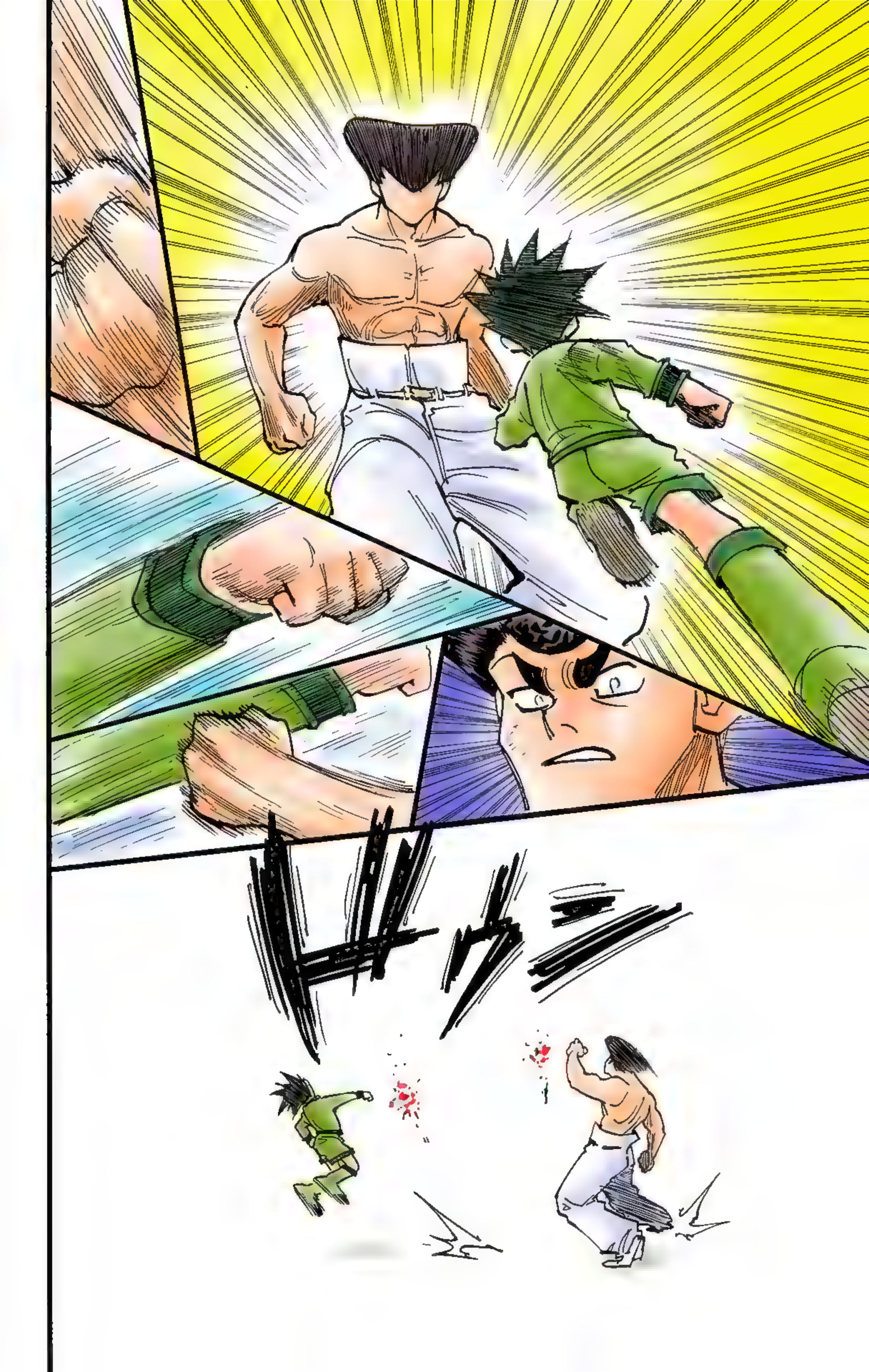


HE DIDN'T USE THIS ABILITY UNTIL NOW...

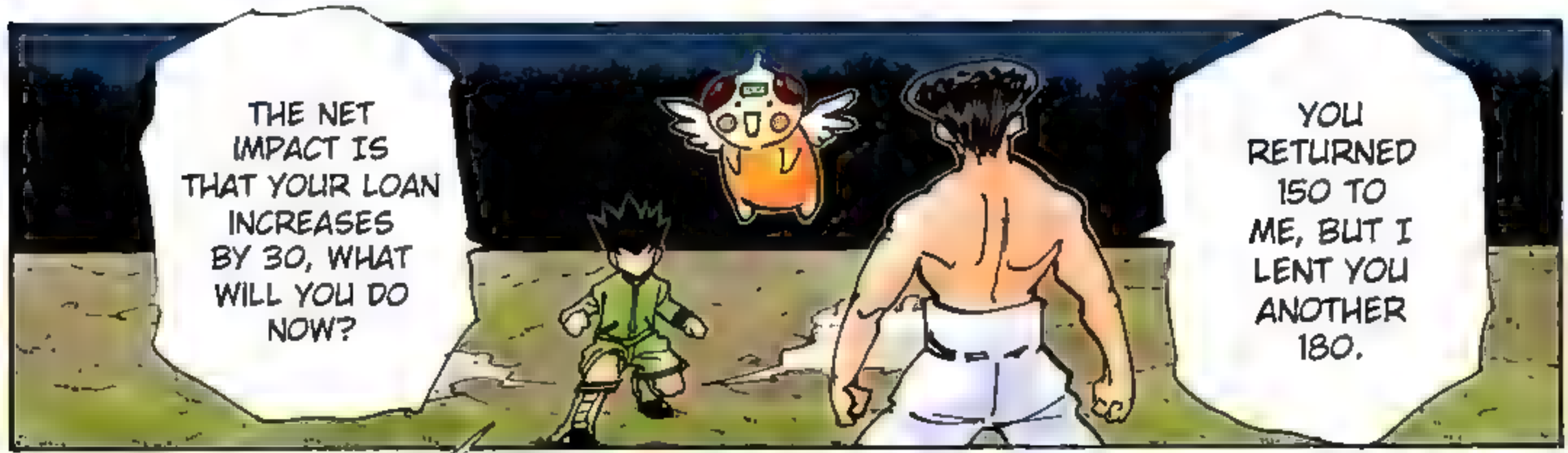
THAT'S WHY...

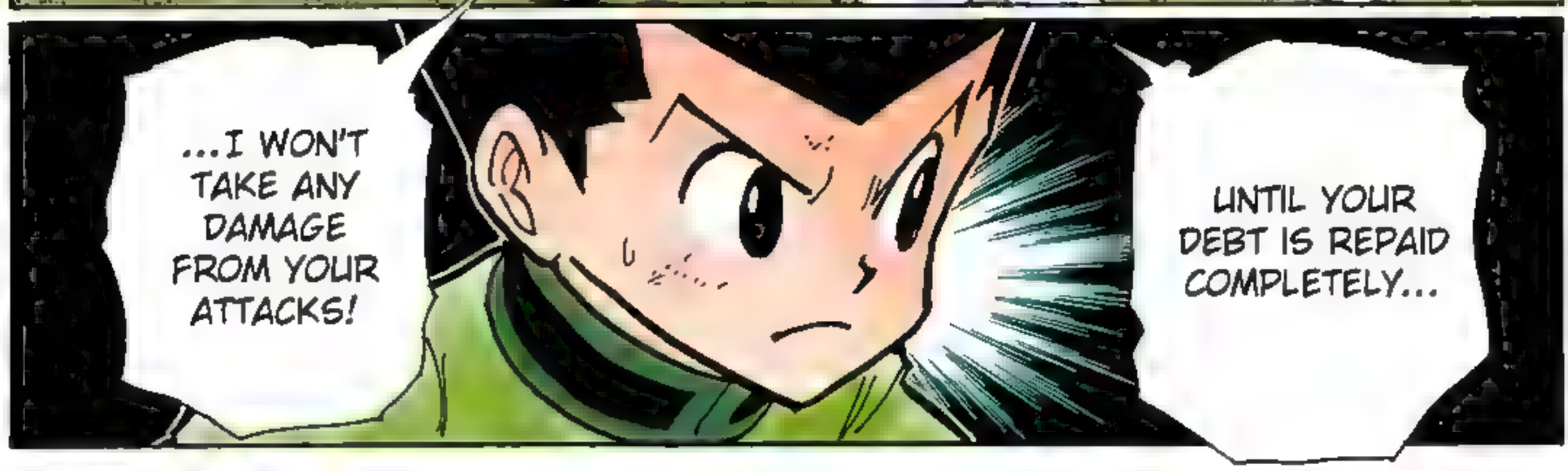


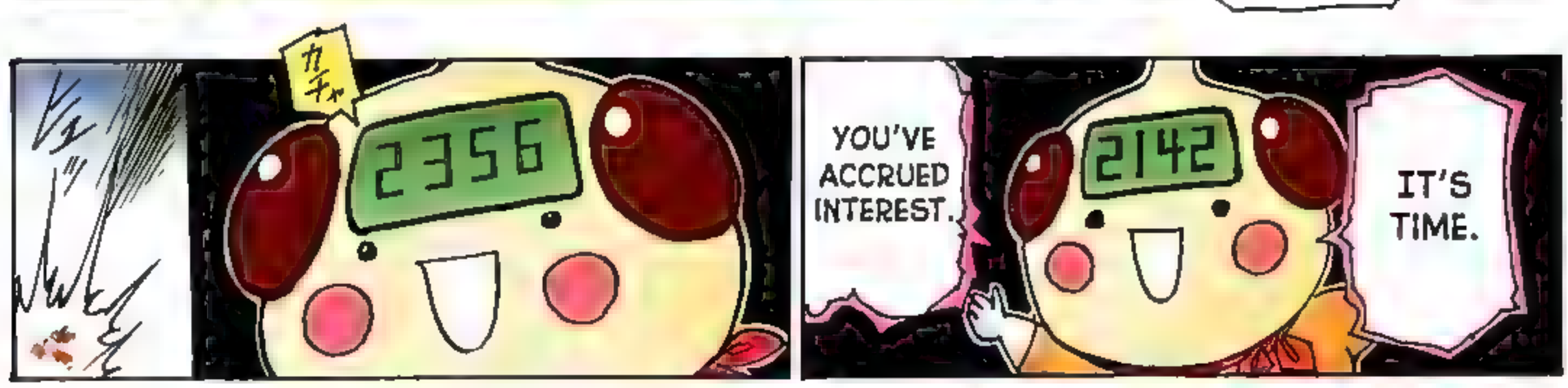




THAT PUNCH JUST NOW.
THAT'S 150...


THE NET IMPACT IS THAT YOUR LOAN INCREASES BY 30, WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?
YOU RETURNED 150 TO ME, BUT I LENT YOU ANOTHER 180.


...I WON'T TAKE ANY DAMAGE FROM YOUR ATTACKS!
UNTIL YOUR DEBT IS REPAID COMPLETELY...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YOU'VE ACCRUED INTEREST.
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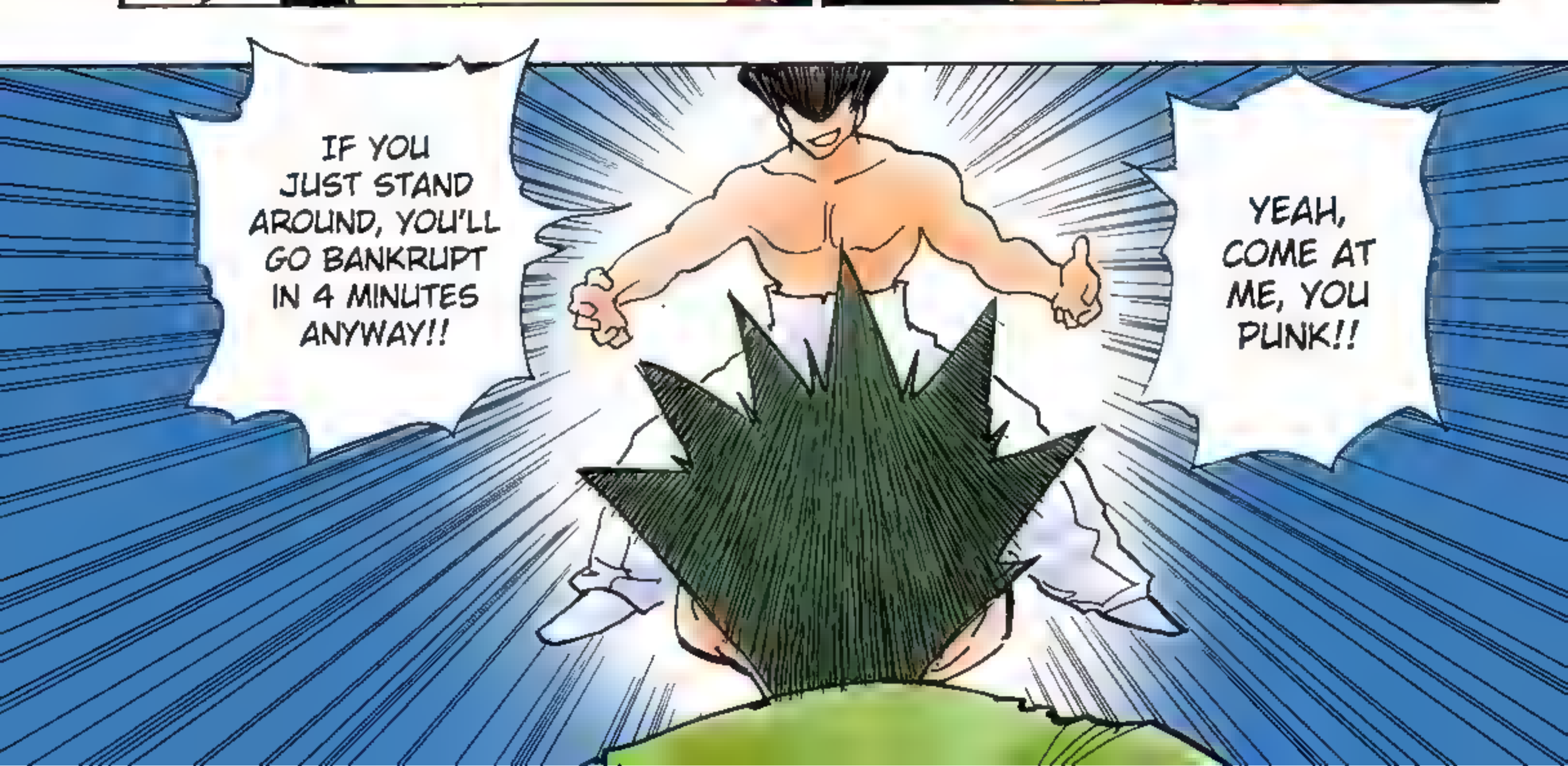
IT'S TIME.


IF YOU JUST STAND AROUND, YOU'LL GO BANKRUPT IN 4 MINUTES ANYWAY!!
YEAH, COME AT ME, YOU PUNK!!

BUT ULTIMATELY, YOU ONLY REPAID ABOUT 100, YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
YOU MANAGED TO LAND MORE HITS!

YOU HAVEN'T EVEN REPAID HALF THE INTEREST, YOU PUNK.

THAT'S JUST A DROP IN THE BUCKET.

YOU'VE ACCRUED INTEREST.

2245

IT'S TIME.

カチ

2470

ONCE YOUR DEBT GOES OVER 10,000, MY VICTORY IS ASSURED...!!

I WON'T LET YOU LAUNCH YOUR JA JAN KEN AGAIN.

2717

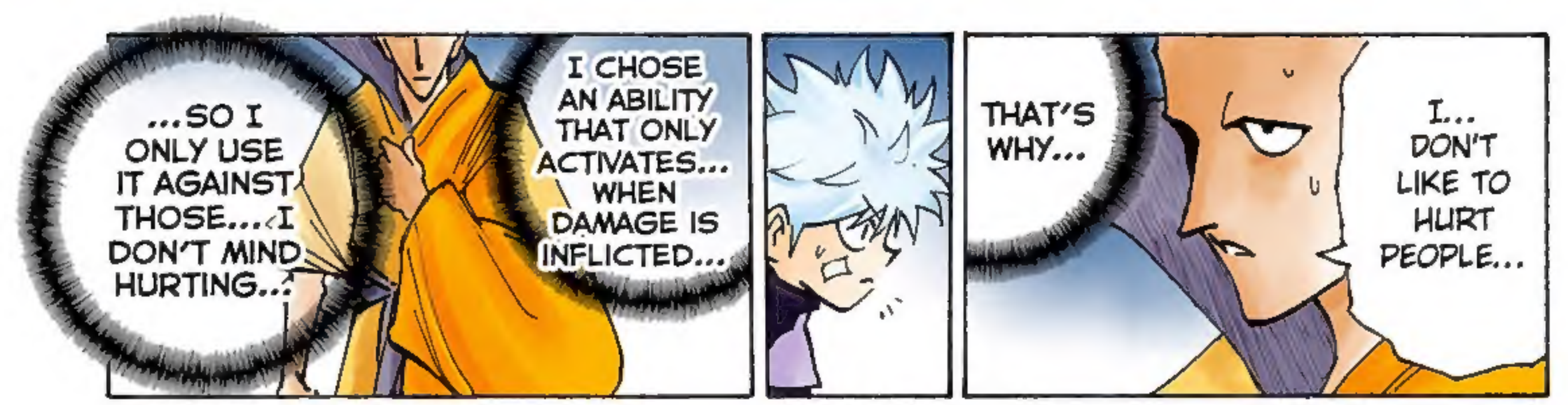
YOU'VE ACCRUED INTEREST.

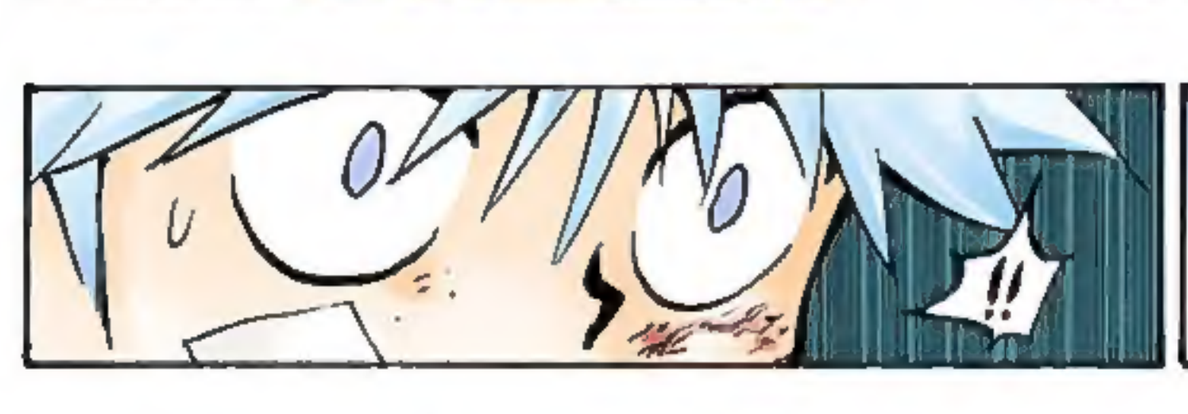
IT'S TIME.

SSH
HUUUUUU...

NEITHER OF US KNOWS ABOUT EACH OTHER'S ABILITIES ...!!

DON'T FEAR HIM!!





...THAT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU MUST FIGHT OUT OF RESPECT...!

YOU BOTH SHOWED ME...

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